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'I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of' – Clarence Darrow

Movers & groovers

PEOPLE laughed when founders of gym investment company **ADDLeisure** said they were backing a new cellulite-busting "wobbler" machine, known as the Power Plate. Looking like a cross between bath-room scales and a gym bike, it costs £2,600 at Harrods. But it now it emerges that Madonna has bought one. Power Plate maker **Liberation Fitness Systems** is expecting to become profitable this financial year.

REVENGE is a dish best served cold, so **BT**'s head of retail Ian Livingston must have enjoyed his. He was furious in August when he saw an ad for **Wanadoo** offering customers £20 upgrades to their broadband connection. The ad blamed BT for the charge. In fact, BT only charges £11 and Wanadoo adds the rest. BT complained to the Advertising Standards Authority about this and three other misleading claims in the ad. The ASA upheld all four complaints and gave a slap on the wrist to Wanadoo.

A MAJOR row is brewing between Budweiser-maker **Anheuser-Busch** and London-listed South African brewer **SABMiller** over their respective Light/Lite beers. Several US cable networks have pulled Miller ads claiming that despite AB making changes to Bud Light, Miller Lite still has more taste. Furious denials have now issued forth from AB, not on the question of taste – but on the grounds they have not changed Bud Light.

– THE DEALER

HOT GOSSIP

INTELLECTUAL property company **BTG** gained 6.5p to 220p amid suggestions Swiss biotech giant **Serono** could make itself more attractive to buyers by acquiring BTG – because of potentially huge royalty payments available for the UK company's multiple sclerosis treatment **Campath**.

Blades plan Chinese thrust

SHEFFIELD United is looking to buy a "major Chinese football club" to tap into a burgeoning enthusiasm for soccer in the People's Republic. The company said it was "carefully investigating the merits of possibly purchasing" a Chinese club to build on a pre-season tour to the country and its existing development academy based in the southern city of Hainan.

Chief operating officer Mark Foughty said the club also hoped to attract investment and sponsorship from Chinese businesses at home.

He said: "We have good expertise in running football

clubs, and that's what we will be looking to export to China," said Foughty.

Sheffield United, nicknamed the Blades, already has one Chinese international on its books, Hao Haidong, and its youth academy is sponsored by Chinese travel agency Tianjin Sunark.

FAIR SHARES

THE FTSE 100 Index fought back from earlier 48-point losses to close just 9.6 points lower at 5430 yesterday. Blue chip property companies were among the top performers, but bookmakers suffered as rumours did the rounds of a possible profits warning today from **Ladbrokes**.

Going ape for digital



PRIMATE MOVERS: Gorillaz downloads helped EMI

'Toon band boost sales

DOWNLOADS, ringtones and Gorillaz meant EMI was on song in the first half.

Digital sales of £44.6million and some strong music releases boosted turnover 5.8% to £924.6m – the first year-on-year increase for four years.

Chairman Eric Nicol believes digital downloading to computers, iPods, MP3 players and mobile phones holds the key to restoring the music industry to growth now piracy has been "contained".

Nicol said digital sales in the industry as a whole had almost offset a decline of nearly 1% of sales of "physical" products such as CDs in the six months to September.

And he added that global digital sales would grow from 5.8% of revenues now to 25% by 2010.

But the group said its CD sales were also booming.

Coldplay's album **X&Y**

by LAURA NEIL

sold 7.5m copies worldwide, while cartoon band **Gorillaz**' *Demon Days* sold 3.4m.

Nicol also said Robbie Williams' new disc *Intensive Care* had sold 3.5m in just three weeks, making it his fastest selling album ever.

CDs would still be in demand by 2010, added Nicol, because of the expense of download technology and the fact people like them as gifts.

Talent

Recorded music chief **Alain Levy** said the pipeline of talent was looking good, with emerging artists such as **The Magic Numbers** and **KT Tunstall** doing well in the UK, and **Keith Urban** in the US. Levy also expects **Apple** to introduce variable pricing on its iTunes service, which is responsible for more than 60% of the digital download market.

This will allow EMI to charge less money for emerging artists and more for superstars.

MALLS SQUEEZE | MOTORING ON

BRITAIN'S biggest property developer **Land Securities** warned yesterday rents from shopping centres will be hit by the retailing downturn.

But it predicted a boom in London office space.

The group – the leader in London offices – was the biggest riser in the

FTSE 100, gaining 80p to £15.83, as it unveiled first-half profits which had nearly doubled.

Chief executive Francis Salway said: "We expect that the rate of rental value growth in the retail sector will slow."

Pre-tax profits were up to £1.2 billion.

BRITAIN'S biggest car dealer **Pendragon** is considering taking over smaller rival **Reg Vardy** for £420million, it emerged yesterday.

Sunderland-based Vardy announced that it had received an unsolicited 750p-a-share bid approach from **Pendragon**. A takeover would hand a £180m windfall to chief executive **Sir Peter Vardy** and his family, who own 28%.

And any such deal would also create a motor dealer with a market value of £1 billion.

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▼ Down 9.60 point (-0.18%) at 5430.00

Company	Price	Change	High	Low	Company	Price	Change	High	Low	Company	Price	Change	High	Low
3i Grp.	812	+7	815	775	1470	Centrica	242	+1	264	217	1818	Land Secs.	1583	+80
A.B. Food	811	+2	863	723	1082	Compass Group	204	-2	264	175	7663	Legal&Gen.	110	-119
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Alliance Unchm.	755	-25	875	683	6022	Diageo	843	+7	862	721	1029	Lloyds Tsb Grp.	458	-
AMVESCO	387	-2	432	299	1124	DSC Int.	146	-3	157	138	1020	Man Group	1682	+2
Anglo	1787	-25	1819	1130	4949	Ent. Inns	834	+4	872	610	4713	Marks & Sp.	438d	-7
Antofagasta	1611	+5	1616	1052	3438	Excel	1219	+4	1235	711	1366	Morrison (Wm)	174	-
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BOC Grp.	1128	-6	1173	894	1008	Hilton Group	358d	-10	356	257	1942	Rentokil Init.	157	+3
Boots Group	601	-7	662	563	1009	HSBC Hldgs.	930	+4	936	825	5562	Reuters Grp.	383	-5
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Canary Energy	1863	-17	2018	1042	3643							Shire Pharmcd.	708	-7
Capita Group	386	-3	384	245	2363							Smiths Group	961	+29
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Store banking on a recovery

SAINSBURY'S chief executive **Justin King** said the group remained on the road to recovery despite reporting flat first-half profits after problems at its banking arm.

"Given the market has been tougher than we expected, I think we can say we are a little ahead of the curve," he said.

Sainsbury's grabbed a 15.7% slice of the grocery market in the 12 weeks to November 6, up from 15.6% in the previous period, according to mar-

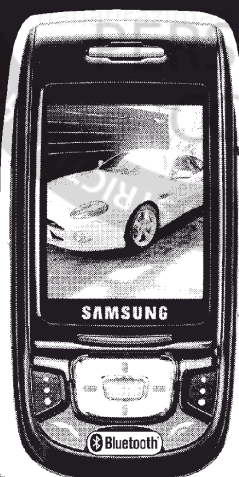
ket research firm **TNS Superpanel**.

But shares fell 4.5p to 287.25p on news that Sainsbury's Bank, a joint venture with **HBOS**, made a £5million loss in the first half after being hit by a sharp increase in bad debt provisions.

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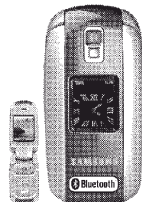
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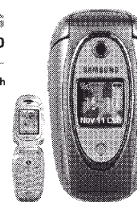


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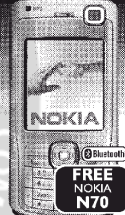
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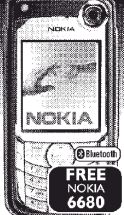
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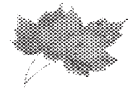
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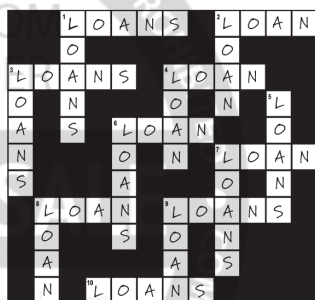
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The Ditchet trainer still has the best strike rate of all the leading trainers this season at 23% - but it was even better a fortnight ago.

Luck was certainly against him early on yesterday when he lost novice hurdler Ain't That a Shame with a broken leg in the first race at his local track.

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Then former smash hurdler Pervise fell heavily at the last fence of the novice chase when booked for second behind Nyrche.

But Nicholls has seen it all before and reckons that most of his horses have needed a run this season.

That could include his Cheltenham Festival winner Thisthatandother who lines up for the tatespot Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon on Saturday.

But Nicholls also intends to run Le Roi Miguel, who bids for a repeat victory in the race that used to attract horses like Best Mate and Desert Orchid.

He's had the benefit of an Aintree outing behind Impek and will surely find the ground and weight conditions more to his liking this time.

Royal Auclair, who defied a massive weight to chase home Hedge-



HUNTINGDON DATE: Le Roi Miguel ready for the Peterborough

by TONY LEWIS

hunter in the John Smith's National, will challenge Kicking King and company for the £150,000 Grade 1 Belfair Chase at Haydock on the same day.

"It's a big ask for him to carry 11st12lb in the Becher Chase on Sunday," Nicholls explained.

"He is rated 155 so he carries big weights in the

all top handicaps. When he's fresh and well, he goes well."

Nicholls will therefore rely on Heros Collonges, Le Duc and Exit Swinger in the tatespot-sponsored Becher over three and a half miles of the National course.

I couldn't possibly mention all of the Nicholls horses here - he always has 100 in at a time - but France has provided one of the two "dark horses"

to watch out for: Nicholls' own choice is **THE LUDER**, a horse who won his only point-to-point in good style. "He runs on Friday and should win a novice hurdle. But he will make a lovely chaser," he insisted.

Nicholls' assistant Daniel Skelton went for **TURTHEN**. "He won a Grade 3 in France and was third in a Grade 1 behind Neptune Collonges," he said.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

100-1 for Clockform

CLOCKFORM, our Time Lord, pulled off a master stroke yesterday when Barton Park his top rated horse in the opener at Wincanton won at 100-1.

And that wasn't all as among his other successes were Texas Holdem at 9-1; Stevedore 4-1 and Celtic Mill at 7-2.

Our other tipsters went nap happy yesterday with Tony Lewis making Precious Bane at evens his best of the day and both Star Tip (Peter Thickett) and Starform napped He's A Leader at 5-4.

HEXHAM

12.20 (2m): 1. SCOTMAIL (G Lee 11-1); 2. Arman (D Scudamore 10-1); 3. Windy Hills (A Dobbin 4-1).
Notaprobblem 7-2 fav; 5l, 5l, 13 ran. J. Howard Johnson, Crook.

Total: £13.10; pl £3.20, £5.60, £1.90, ex: £65.70, csf: £110.29.

12.50 (2m): 1. GARDASEE (J M Maguire evens fav); 2. Orang Outan (G Berridge 33-1); 3. Countrywide Sun (E Williams 20-1). 30l, 14l, 13 ran. T Tate, Talscott.

Total: £2.00; pl £1.30, £3.50, £3.70, ex: £32.30, csf: £47.99.

1.20 (2m 4f): 1. TEXAS HOLD'EM (J McAlister 8-1); 2. Vic The Piler (A Dobbin 6-4 fav); 3. Marsh Run (Mr T Greenall 8-1); AND Posh Strick (Ben Oude-Powell 28-1). 5hd, 7/2l, 13 ran. J. Smith, Kirkheaton.

Total: £10.40; pl £2.40, £1.30, Marsh Run 10-1, Posh Strick 23-50, ex: £33.50, csf: £22.46, tricast: Texas Hold'em, Vic The Piler, Marsh Run 139-97. Texas Hold'em, Vic The Piler, Posh Strick 4193.05.

1.50 (4m): 1. SUPREME BREEZE (D Elsworth 14-1); 2. Mini Sensation (A P McCoy 4-1); 3. Cayphara (D O'Meara 11-2 j fav). Huka Lodge 11-2 j fav; 7/4l, 2l, 13 ran. Mrs S J Smith, Bingley. Total: £17.70; pl £4.50, £3.00, £2.20, ex: £97.00, csf: £123.20, tricast: £781.89.

2.25 (2m 14f): 1. PRECIOUS BANE (A Thornton evens fav); 2. Algarve (K Mercer 8-1); 3. Arctic Lagoon (O Nelmes 7-2). 1/2l, 10l, 9 ran. M Sheppard, Ledbury. Total: £2.00; pl £1.20, £2.60, £1.10, ex: £7.40, csf: £32.12, tricast: £20.39.

3.00 (2m 4f): 1. ORNELLA SPEED (Mr C Storey 3-1); 2. Uneven Line (Mr C Storey 3-1); 3. Princesse Grey (T Scudamore 13-2 fav). 10l, 1/4l, 7 ran. A Crook, Leyburn. Total: £23.90; pl £8.10, £1.70, ex: £88.20, csf: £59.21.

3.35 (2m): 1. RED POKER (R McGrath 3-1); 2. My Final Bid (P Buchanan 12-1); 3. Mister Nelson (A Dobbin 2-1 j fav). Panthers Run 2-1 j fav.

Total: £23.90; pl £8.10, £1.70, ex: £88.20, csf: £59.21.

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fav. 1/4l, 7l, 11 ran. G Harker, Middleham.
Total: £2.80; pl £1.20, £3.20, £1.40, ex: £39.10, csf: £35.89.

QUADROPOLO: £26.39
PLACEPOOT: £171.40

SOUTHWELL
12.00 (1m): 1. MONTE MAYOR BOY (R Havin 50-1); 2. Parkview Love (P Mathers 10-1); 3. Bavaria (Donna Caldwell 14-1). 5ashin, Tipton 9-2 j fav, 2l, 7/2l, 14 ran. D Hays Jones, Pontypridd. £1.60, £5.00, £3.00, ex: £27.50, pl: £3.60, csf: £58.42.

12.30 (6f): 1. WOODWEE (D Holland 8-1); 2. Our Mary (Greg Fairley 16-1); 3. Diktalex (M Halford 11-1). Indian Agent 5-2 fav; Nk, 2l, 13 ran. J. Wymes, Middleham.

Total: £12.20; pl £2.50, £5.10, £6.40, ex: £149.20, csf: £136.15, NR: Quote Unquote.

1.00 (6f): 1. MIDDLE EASTERN (N Callan 9-1); 2. Generator (M Panton 10-1); 3. White Bear (J P Spencer 100-20). Art Elegant 3-1 fav; Nk, 3/2l, 14 ran. P. Blockley, Newport.

Total: £12.90; pl £3.10, £1.90, £1.40, ex: £37.00, csf: £58.42.

1.30 (2m): 1. PEAK PARK (C Catlin 5-1); 2. Saffron Fox (N De Souza 10-1); 3. Monte Cristo (Dane O'Neill 8-9). Macaroni Gold 7-2 fav; 1/2l, Hd, 13 ran. P. Gilligan, Newmarket.

Total: £5.60; pl £2.10, £3.20, £1.80, ex: £79.90, csf: £53.24, tricast: £245.13.

2.05 (7f): 1. SWEET PICKLE (E Ahern 4-1 j fav); 2. Priory (R Havin 16-1); 3. Mister Elegant (S Drowne 5-1). Nisir 4-1 j fav; 1/2l, 2l, 14 ran. J. Boyle, Epsom.

Total: £4.20; pl £2.00, £4.20, £2.30, ex: £77.70, csf: £69.78.

2.40 (5f): 1. CELTIC MILL (E Ahern 7-2); 2. Yomelo (C Catlin 12-1); 3. Polish Emperor (J Fanning 25-1). Quick Times 3-1 fav, 1l, 5hd, 13 ran. D Barker, Richmond.

Total: £5.60; pl £1.60, £4.80, £9.80, ex: £78.90, tricast: £411.00, csf: £88.93.

£48.88, tricast: £984.13, NR: Lindbergh.

3.15 (1m 4f): 1. BETHANYS BOY (Greg Fairley 7-2 fav); 2. Pass The Port (J P Spencer 15-2); 3. Heathyard Pride (G Baker 13-2). Nk, 1/4l, 12 ran. B. Ellison, Malton.

Total: £5.10; pl £2.00, £2.10, £2.80, ex: £32.70, csf: £30.48, tricast: £164.15, NR: Topard, Trance.

3.45 (1m): 1. STEVEDORE (Martin Dwyer 4-1 fav); 2. Simply St Lucia (D Holland 16-1); 3. Roman Empire (N Callan 8-1). 14 ran. J. Boyle, Epsom.

Total: £3.80; pl £1.90, £4.60, £3.50, ex: £62.50, csf: £69.82, tricast: £514.50.

QUADROPOLO: £24.90
PLACEPOOT: £5,898.90
JACKPOT: not won, £5,886.00 carried over to Market Rasen.

WINCANTON
1.10 (2m): 1. BARTON PARK (N Fehly 100-1); 2. Postrol Yankee (J Diment 200-1); 3. Necturnally (J Moore 20-1). Senorita Rumbalita 4-6 fav; 11l, Nk, 14 ran. D. Keane, Shaftesbury.

Total: £88.60; pl £12.50, £18.30, £2.50, ex: £1,244.90, csf: £3,683.48.

1.40 (2m): 1. NYNCHIE (R Thornton 5-4 fav); 2. Tighe Caster (J P McNamara 9-2); 3. Berengario (R Greene 50-1). 10l, Dis, 5 ran. A. King, Barbury Castle.

Total: £2.40; pl £1.50, £5.40, £3.40, ex: £37.70, csf: £33.79, tricast: £389.21.

2.50 (2m 5f): 1. HES A LEADER (T J Murphy 5-4 fav); 2. Middleham (R P Kavanagh 25-1); 3. Arm And A Leg (L Stephens 40-1). 5l, 4l, 9 ran. M. Pipe, Wellington.

Total: £2.20; pl £1.50, £5.40, £3.40, ex: £37.70, csf: £33.79, tricast: £389.21.

3.55 (2m 5f): 1. LORD ANNER (R Walsh 5-4 fav); 2. Noble Baron (M Bradburne 11-2); 3. Edieff (R Lucy-Butler 20-1). 9l, 4l, 10 ran. P. Nicholls, Sherton Mallet.

Total: £2.00; pl £1.20, £1.90, £6.10, ex: £9.50, csf: £85.55, tricast: £88.93.

3.55 (2m): 1. TRITONNNER LODGE (R Thornton 100-30 j fav); 2. Rosehill (R Thornton 9-2); 3. Spidam (R Walsh 100-30 j fav). Nk, 6l, 11 ran. Miss E. Lavelle, Andover.

Total: £4.10; pl £1.10, £2.20, £2.00, ex: £15.70, csf: £17.87, NR: Desert Secrets.

QUADROPOLO: £16.00
PLACEPOOT: £836.90

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YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

(2-1-6) 248.66 12.16: **Orlock Vector**
(6) 9-2. **Stargate Tornado** (5) 4-1, bf.
£27.49, rac. (6-5-1) £66.38 12.29:
Nasty Neil (6) 3-1 jf+af, **Sicamous** (3)
7-2, bf. **Indiswbank** (4) 6-3-1 £56.03
12.29: **Stargate Tornado** (5) 4-1, bf.
Lylehill Ghill (4) 6-3-1 £56.03 12.29:
rac. (5-4-6) £69.47 12.58: **Sam The**
Miller (3) 4-1, **Miss Eloise** (4) 3-1, bf.
£20.35, rac. (3-4-2) £49.32 11.12:
Orquidia Typhoon (6) 5-2 af, **Blue**
Harvest (5) 4-1, bf. £20.35 12.29:
£42.52 1.27: **Wilful Storm** (6) 5-1,
Harveys Jumbo (2) 3-1 co+af, bf.
£27.36, rac. (6-2-1) £75.17 1.44:
Geordie Jackpot (2) 2-7. **Marquis**
De La Roche (5) 6-3-1 £27.36 1.27:
£27.29 2.03: **Flower In Spring** (2) 5-2
af, **Ivy King** (3) 11-4, bf. £11.55, bf.
(2-3-5) £39.10. **Placer** (£1 stake)
(races 1-6) £191.00, (races 6-11) £

2.08: **Zoom Zoom** (6) 3-1, Dial Post Diva (3) 6-4 fav, Nor: Compos Pride, bf: £9.28, 2.27: **Kiltrilling Hazel** (6) 7-4 fav, Wintons Gromit (5) 7-1, bf: £14.61, tri: (6-5-3) £52.13, 2.47: **Borna Holiday** (2) 9-2, Ivy Farm Aisha (4) 5-1, bf: £38.31, tri: (2-4-5) £109.68, 3.07: **Totos Ace** (5) 7-1, Me Auld Spud (3) 7-4 fav, bf: £32.61, tri: (5-3-6) £120.99, 3.28: **Mischievous Minx** (4) 6-4 fav, Fizio Kay (5) 6-1, bf: £12.08, tri: (4-5-3) £33.78, 3.48: **Holmes Spiral** (3) 7-2, Rhincver Roisin (2) 3-1 fav, bf: £16.12, tri: (3-2-4) £43.70, 4.08: **1.ozzas Eclipse** (1) 6-

11.34: Gobjonyogogogo (6) 2-1
fav, Pocket Power (3) 5-2, bf: £8.91,
tri: (6-3-2) £18.53. 11.48: Hillfire
Sword (1) 5-2 jt-fav, College Beacon
(5) 9-2, bf: £15.67, tri: (1-5-6) £47.51.
12.02: Zanzibar Magpie (2) 11-4,
Gold Captain (1) 6-1, bf: £18.73, tri:

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2.18: Berkshire Luis (5) 4-1,
Always Best (2) 3-1, b-f \$21.39;
(5)-1-2) \$77.98. 1-7-27: Maveen (6) 3-1
fay, Leanna (1) 2-2, bf. \$15.27, (2) 3-1
3-1) \$42.18. 2-27: Datona Showoff (2)
4-1, Shanakknee Major (1) 5-2 faw,
bf. \$16.62.
Prince Ian (6)-6-1, Strange Kid (4)
7-2, bf. \$36.66, (1), (6-4-2) \$129.11.
3.38: Cushie Doo (4) 3-1 j-i-faw,
Killcaze Moo (6) 9-2, bf. \$17.78,
bf. \$18.69.
11-4 faw, Imnotthere (2) 5-1, bf.
\$18.69, (1), (6-2-1) \$59.12. 4.18:
Carnwood Nippy (2) 3-1, Glensie
Survivor (3) 2-1 faw, bf. \$20.28, (1)

PURPLE TO REIGN: Purple Monkey will be eagerly searching for clues as a significant proportion of the Maiden Derby field unexposed.

He gets the nod over the ultra-consistent local Black Forfeit in the fourth heat, with St Leger semi-finalist **Hot Rocks** (8.48) and Annie Lamb (9.53), who has run against the very cream in five respectively.

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2	435	Kellbrook Strain (w)	-24.90
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Star betting: 11-Bronze Flyer, 7-Laundering			
11-Bronze Flyer, 7-Laundering, 5-Encounter, 3-24.76			
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Star betting: 5-Main Man, 27-Sonabris Lulu			
5-Main Man, 27-Sonabris Lulu, 30-Sonabris Lulu			
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MICHAEL HOURIGAN is in bullish mood ahead of Mossbank's return to the track at Cork this week-end.

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CLASSIC ENCOUNTER

BACK TO FORM:
Scots Grey returned to winning ways



PENZANCE and Faasel, the top two juvenile hurdles of last season, are all set to lock horns again in the Casino 36 Classic Nerak Hurdle at Haydock on Saturday.

Penzance had to dig deep to fend off northern rival Faasel in the JCB Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham and Faasel franked the form with a runaway victory at the John Smith's Aintree Festival in April.

Terrific

With Penzance 11lb worse off in this limited handicap, a terrific race is on the cards, especially as in-form Admiral heads the weights.

Alan King, trainer of Penzance, was kicking himself after odds-on favourite Senorita Rumbalita unseated Robert Thornton at the last light when looking the likely winner of the opener at Wincanton yesterday.

"I might have been a dead trainer if this one hadn't won," he said after Nyrche had landed the following Belford novice chase. "It wouldn't have hap-

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pened if the trainer could put a saddle on," he joked. "She had a light weight and we used a light saddle and there was a little bit of elastic at the end of the girth. That will be burned tonight!"

"When she skewed the last hurdle, the saddle slipped. By the time we caught her, the saddle was round her middle!"

That mishap left 100-1 chance Barton Park and rider Noel Fehilly to pick up the spoils.

But Paul Keane, who trains to winner insisted: "He was no 100-1 shot. But I never bet."

Keane was happy to bring the horse to the sharp, flat Wincanton circuit on the advice of Fehilly and this time the horse settled much better.

"He works like a machine at home - his mother was placed in a Group 3 - but he wasn't seeing the trip out as he pulled too hard," Keane added.

Fehilly didn't think that his victory was all that lucky either. "We'd have given Senorita Rumbalita a race," he said.

Keane, who enjoyed a successful season last year, thinks it will be a little quieter this time round as he's just moved to a new yard at Shafesbury.

King, meanwhile, thinks impressive jumper Nyrche will go to Sandown for the Henry VIII Chase.

But he's hoping the step up in trip will finally bring due reward to his consistent chaser Kandjar D'Allier if he lines up in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury. "When he finished second at Cheltenham last season, we said we would step him up in trip and go for the William Hill Chase at the Festival," he said.

"That was ruled out, but he ran well when third to Our Vic there last Saturday."

Nicky Henderson's horses are in fine form at present and Scots Grey kept up the good run as he returned to form. The 10-year-old had not been in the winner's enclosure for nearly two years but he made light work of top weight under Marcus Foley to cruise home by 14 lengths from Atum Re.

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AT THE RACES

12.50 XMAS PARTY HANDICAP CHASE

(F) amateurs/19 fences/3m1f/17 run £3,538

1 0344 **DARNAYSON** (22) N Twiston-Davies 5 11 12... Mr G Tunney(5) 52
2 05-15 **ASHGREEN** (26) J Mes W Williams 8 11 7... Mr W Bidder(7) 72
3 1444 **PADDY THE OPTIMIST** (156) (CD,D,F,G,S) D Burchell 9 11 7... Mr R McCarthy(7) +95
4 340P **FADDAD** (11) (F) Mrs A Thorpe 9 10 13... Mr D Greenway(7) 77
5 1P-30 **ARMAGEDDON** (20) (S) O Sheenard 8 10 12

6 62P **P BALLYBROOK** (14) (D,S) P Brown 10 10 5... Miss L Horne(5) 80
7 3-31P **ANFLORA** (15) (S) B J Llewellyn 8 10 5... Mr S Walker 84
Star Betting: 2 Anflora, 9-2 Darnayson, Ashgreen, 5 Armageddon, 11-2 Paddy The Optimist, 14 Ballybrook, 16 Faddad.

12-05P **OLYMPIAN TIME** (60P) Mrs J Foster 5 10 7... Mr J Crane(5) 73
2004: Follow The Flow, 8-10-12, (Mr T J Dreaper(5), 4-6 fav) P A Pritchard, 6 ran.

STARFORM: DARNAYSON Danger: Anflora

1.20 SIDNEY PHILLIPS AUCTIONEERS SELLING HURDLE

Class G (8 flights) 2m1f (13 runners) £2,179

1 1640P **LITTLE ROOT** (4) (F,S) S Lewis 6 11 7... P Singer(7) +98
2 05-54 **CHARIOT** (27) M Bower 11 10... S Gurnea 70
3 1P-1P **DANCINGINTHREESTREET** (11) (C,S) J Flint 5 11 0... S Scudamore 62
4 05-0F **EARL OF SPECTRUM** (F28) J Sperring 4 11 0... P J Brennan 80
5 1P **FLYING SPUD** (21) A Chamberlain 4 11 0... P Hide 84
6 1P-06 **HOLLY WALK** (5) (P) A Jukes 4 10 7... A C Coyle(3) 44
7 1P-06 **HOLLY WALK** (5) (P) A Jukes 4 10 7... A C Coyle(3) 44
8 60P **DAME BEZILL** (20) (T) K Bishop 6 10 7... W Hutchinson 72
9 1P-06 **HOLLY WALK** (5) (P) A Jukes 4 10 7... A C Coyle(3) 44
10 3-5F **HUNTER PUDDING** (129) P Popham 5 10 7... C M Studd(7) 68
11 1P-06 **LA MUETTE** (27) M Murphy 5 10 7... R Spate(7) 81
12 05-0F **OLYMPIAN TIME** (60P) Mrs J Foster 5 10 7... Mr J Crane(5) 73
13 38PP **TWIST N TURN** (7) D McLean 5 10 7... S J Crane(5) 73
Star Betting: 9-4 Dancinginthreestreet, 4 Chariot, 6 Little Root, 7 Earl Of Spectrum, Hunter Pudding, 8 Holly Walk, 14 La Muette, 25 others.

2004: No corresponding race.

S: DANCINGINTHREESTREET D: Earl Of Spectrum

1.50 NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE

Class E (12 fences) 2m (7 runners) £4,395

1 24-142 **MISS SHAKIRA** (18) (BFS) N Twiston-Davies 11 11 27 Scudamore 69
2 31P-6 **HOT LIPS PAGE** (25) (D,Q) L Williams 4 11 1... Paul Moloney 84
3 506-42 **SAILOR A'HOY** (186) (S) M Mullineux 9 10 13... A C Coyle(3) +88
4 05-0F **EARL OF SPECTRUM** (F28) J Sperring 4 11 0... P J Brennan 80
5 1P **CALL ME JACK** (181) (D,S) (T) M J Evans 9 10 6... L Stephens(5) 81
6 23-4F **LET'S ROCK** (32) M A Price 7 10 0 Mr R Hodges(7) 61
7 3-06P2 **ALEXANDER MUSICAL** (7) (B) S Lewis 7 10 0... Mr N Nicolls(5) 52
8 26-3PP **STARLET'S** W 10 0... Alexander Musical 9-5

LONG HANDICAP: Let's Rock 9-10, Alexander Musical 9-5. Star Betting: 11-8 Miss Shakira, 11-4 Starlet's, 5 Let's Rock, 7 Arctic Cherry, 12 Hot Lips Page, 16 Call Me Jack, 33 Alexander Musical. 2004: Pink Harbour, 9-10-10, (S J Crane(7), 5-6 fav) D McLean, 6 ran.

STARFORM: MISS SHAKIRA Dgr: Let's Rock

2.20 NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE

Class E (10 flights) 2m3/4f (13 runners) £3,839

1 04-214 **DALIDA** (51) (B,G) M Rowland 4 11 12... J Mogford 71
2 05-45-1 **ABRAHAM SMITH** (215) B Eckley 5 11 12... M Nicolls(5) 74
3 2002-2 **DOWN'S FOLLY** (19) (B,F) H Day 5 11 12... T Greenway(5) +94
4 4PP-31 **PENRIC** (32) (C,D,F) J K Price 5 11 6... W Kennedy(5) 77
5 1P-03 **SPIKE JONES** (5) (F) M A Thorpe 7 11 4... P Hide 80
6 05-00-2 **LERUBIS** (17) F Jordan 6 11 2... A O'Keeffe 48
7 235-53 **BLACKTHORN** (18) M Appleby 6 11 2... R Spate(7) 36
8 246P- **INDIAN SOLITAIRE** (F7) (P) B Baugh 6 11 2... T J Phelan(3) 81
9 25-1P **AMANIPIRI** (28) P Bocking 7 11 2... Angharad Frieze(10) 81
10 14-154 **LITTLE BRAVE** (158) (F) C Roberts 10 10 13... L Stephens(5) 67
11 00-0F2 **IMPERIAL ROYALE** (11) P L Cullen 10 10 12... T Burrows(10) 65
12 000-06 **ILONGUE** (16) D Rickard 4 10 0... W Hutchinson 52
13 00-0F2 **CHOCOLATE BOMBE** (22) (B) (S) S Lycett 8 10 0... S Walsh(7) 71

LONG HANDICAP: Ilongue 9-10, Chocolate Bombe 9-4. Star Betting: 9-2 Down's Folly, 5 Penric, 6 Dalida, Lerbis, 7 Blackthorn, 10 Abraham Smith, Spike Jones, Little Brave, 12 others.

2004: He's A Leader, 5-10-10, (J E Moore, 4-1 fav) M Pipe, 11 ran.

S'FORM: DOWN'S FOLLY Dgr: Imperial Royale

2.50 JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE

Class E (8 flights) 2m1f (16 runners) £3,832

1 04-214 **BAIE DES FLAMANDS** (F31) Mes S Wilson 3 10 12... H Oliver 47
2 05-45-1 **CAVALIER** (31) Mes S Wilson 3 10 12... P J Brennan 48
3 05-45-1 **DAVID'S SYMPHONY** (B) A Carroll 3 10 12... W Marston 48
4 05-45-1 **DESSERT BUZZ** (28) J Hetherington 3 10 12... P J Brennan 48
5 05-45-1 **HAWKIDGE KING** (F38) W S Kew 3 10 12... P J Brennan 48
6 05-45-1 **P LEPRECHAUN'S MAITE** (40) P Bocking 3 10 12... V Slattery 48
7 05-45-1 **MAGNATE** (30) Mes S Wilson 3 10 12... L Stephens(5) 48
8 05-45-1 **MICKEY PEEPS** (17) (S) O'Shea 3 10 12... O McNeill 48
9 05-45-1 **OH MISTER PINCEAU** (123) R Day 3 10 12... T Scudamore 48
10 05-45-1 **PICOT DE SAINTE** (123) R Day 3 10 12... O McNeill 48
11 05-45-1 **PRIME CONTENDER** (F18) S Hiles 3 10 12... J Levens(5) 48
12 05-45-1 **TAKE A MILE** (F27) P Powell 3 10 12... J Levens(5) 48
13 05-45-1 **BEAUMONT GIRL** (F38) Mes M Rowland 3 10 15... J Levens(5) 48
14 05-45-1 **BRANSTON LILY** (F28) D O'Shea 3 10 15... J Levens(5) 48
15 05-45-1 **NEPAL** (F147) M Mullineux 3 10 15... A C Coyle(3) 48
16 05-45-1 **PROPRIOCEPTION** (9) A King 3 10 15... W Hutchinson 48

Star Betting: 6-4 Baie des Flamands, Picot de Sainte, 12 Take A Mile, 14 Hawkridge King, 16 others.

2004: Norma Hill, 3-10-12, (C Llewellyn, 7-2) R Hollinshed, 15 ran.

S: PRIME CONTENDER D: Proprioception

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12.50 ANFLORA 12.50 ASHGREEN
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1.20 CHARLOTTE 1.20 MISS SHAKIRA
2.20 LERUBIS (nb) 2.20 DOWN'S FOLLY (nb)
2.20 PRIME CONTENDER 2.20 PRIME CONTENDER
3.20 THALYS 3.20 THALYS
3.50 FOUR FOR A LAUGH 3.50 COLERAINE

ROTTERWILL: 12.50 Anflora 1.20 Dancinginthreestreet 1.50 Arctic Cherry 2.20 Penric 2.50 Proprioception 3.20 Direct Flight 3.50 Jimmy Bedney.

GOING: Good

PLACEPOP: First six races.

TRACKFACTS

Right-hand track of a mile home turn, and a 300yds run-in. There are nine stiff fences and six hurdles per circuit.

TOP TRAINERS

(with runners) N Twiston-Davies 16 winners, (13% strike rate), -£13.68, A King 15, (24%), -£43.73, I Williams 13, (15%), -£16.00, H Day 12, (17%), -£7.85, George 10, (19%), -£18.00, Miss W Williams 9, (11%), -£45.10.

3.20 FEDERAL EXPRESS HANDICAP CHASE

Class E (14 fences) 2m3f (5 runners) £4,444

1 1160-U **DIRECT FLIGHT** (9) (G,S) N Chanor 7 11 12... W Kennedy(5) 47
2 2P-12 **THALYS** (21) (B,C,D,F,S) P R Webber 7 11 6... James Davies+104
3 4123P **TOMMY SPAR** (35) (F,T) P Bowen 5 11 3... P J Brennan 95
4 121-3P **WOODBRIDGE DREAM** (137) (B,C,F,G) R Lee 8 10 2... W Marston 91
5 00-05P **EUTURO BLEU** (15) (S) M Sheppard 7 10 0... L Stephens(5) 66

Star Betting: 11-10 Thalys, 7-2 Tommy Spar, 4 Woodbridge Dream, 6 Direct Flight, 14 Euro Bleu. 2004: Jupon Vert, 7-10-8, (T Scudamore, 3-1) R Hodges, 4 ran.

STARFORM: THALYS Danger: Tommy Spar

3.50 FUTURE STARS MAIDEN NH FLAT RACE

Class H 2m1f (14 runners) £1,919

1 00 **AARON'S RUN** (28) M Bosley 5 11 4... J Diment(5) 37
2 00 **BITTA DASH** (201) A Wilson 5 11 4... W McCarthy(7) 41
3 00 **BUTLER SERVICES** (11) J McEachern 5 11 4... Mr Alan Barry(7) 48
4 00 **COLELAINE** O Sheenard 5 11 4... O Neill(5) 41
5 00 **FOUR FOR A LAUGH** A King 6 11 4... G Cressan(3) 41
6 00 **KATON HOUSE** J McEachern 5 11 4... J Cressan(3) 41
7 00 **IM A TANNER** Mes C Dwyer 4 11 4... Mr S Dwyer(7) 40
8 00 **JIMMY BEDNEY** (193) M G Rimeil 4 11 4... Mr M Rimeil(5) 40
9 00 **LEAD** (19) G Jones 5 11 4... Mr R McCarthy(7) 41
10 00 **LORD RYFORD** (F) George 5 11 4... Mr R McCarthy(7) 41
11 00 **NORTHERN ENDEAVOUR** (201) S Earle 4 11 4... W Kennedy(5) 41
12 00 **OSCAR ROYAL** Mes S E Bailey 4 11 4... S Quinlan(7) 41
13 00 **OURCART** (15) G Brown 5 11 4... M Nicolls(5) 41
14 00 **PEARLY STAR** (238) (B,F) A King 4 11 4... Mr G Tunney(7) 41

Star Betting: 9-4 Colelaine, 9-2 Butler Services, 6 Four For A Laugh, 7 Jimmy Bedney, 8 Pearly Star, 10 Lord Ryford, 16 others.

2004: Jack's Luck, 5-11-4, (M L Stephens, 2-1) Mrs S Johnson, 12 ran.

STARFORM: BUTLER SERVICES Dgr: Colelaine

ABC GUIDE TO ALL THREE MEETINGS

H-Hereford	M-Market Rasen	Bushido	M	2.10	Direct Flight	H	3.20	Hot Lips Page	H	1.50	Laudamus	W	1.30	Nick The Jewel	W	3.30	Sea Maize	M	1.10	
W-Wincanton	Butler Services	H	3.50	Dwain's Folly	H	3.20	Howsham Lad	M	3.40	Lazy Lena	M	1.10	Nobel	M	12.40	Secret Divin	W	4.00		
Aaron's Run	H	3.50	Buryblaskin	M	2.40	Earl Of Spectrum	H	2.20	Idell Pudding	H	1.30	Legal Glory	H	3.50	No Quarante	M	3.40	Seraph	M	1.40
Abraham Smith	H	2.20	Caballe	W	2.00	Eastbrook Jane	W	2.00	Iloungue	H	2.20	Lea Jaguar	W	3.50	Norwest	M	3.40	Siegrids Night	M	12.40
Actual	M	3.40	Call Me Jack	H	1.50	El Andaluz	W	1.40	Iloungue	H	2.20	Leprechaun's Maite	H	2.50	Northern Endeavour	H	3.50	Skye Blue	W	1.30
Albarnio	W	2.30	Campbell Trail	M	2.10	Elvis Returns	W	3.40	Joustville	M	2.10	Lerubis	M	2.20	Not Left Yet	W	4.00	Splice Place	W	2.20
Alexander Musical	H	4.00	Candlelight Valley	W	4.00	Euradream	W	3.40	Ilton	M	1.10	Let's Rock	H	1.50	Oh Mister Pinceau	H	2.50	Spike Jones	H	2.20
Alpine Highway	M	12.40	Cansalrui	W	2.00	Euro Bleu	H	3.20	Im A Tanner	H	3.50	Little Brave	H	1.20	Olympian Time	H	1.20	Stoneyford Ben	M	1.40
Amanpuri	H	2.20	Cava Bien	H	2.50	Extra Smooth	H	3.40	Imperial Royale	H	2.20	Little Root	H	1.20	Oscar Royal	H	1.20	Surface To Air	W	4.00
Anflora	H	12.50	Cedar Rapids	M	3.40	Fedid	W	2.40	Inca Trail	W	3.00	L O'Shea	W	3.30	Ourcart	W	2.50	Sword Lady	W	2.20
Arctic Cherry	H	1.50	Chariot	W	1.20	Fierly Peace	M	3.10	Indian Solitaire	H	2.20	Lord Nelson	W	1.30	Pearly Star	H	3.50	Tacolino	M	3.10
Armageddon	H	12.50	Chocolate Bombe	H	2.20	Fin Bec	W	2.40	It's My Party	W	4.00	Lord Ryford	H	1.30	Penric	W	2.20	The Rip	W	2.50
Ashgreen	W	12.50	Classic Capers	W	1.40	Flemming	M	1.10	Jack Martin	W	2.40	Magnate	W	2.50	Picot de Sainte	W	3.30	The Rising Moon	M	1.40
Astronaut	M	1.10	Clovely Blues	W	1.30	Flying Spud	W	1.20	Jaybejay	M	3.10	Martha's Kinsman	W	1.40	Pearly Star	H	3.50	Thievery	M	3.40
Avanti Tiger	M	1.10	Columbine	H	3.50	Follow The Flow	M	1.20	Jimmy Bedney	H	3.50	Max'n Limbo	M	3.40	Ricci de Say	W	2.50	Tommy Spar	H	3.20
Baie des Flamands	H	2.50	Commorante Call	M	1.10	For To Be	W	3.50	Julius Caesar	M	1.10	Max'n Limbo	M	3.40	Ponic	M	12.40	Tommy Spar	H	3.20
Barney Blue	W	4.00	Cromwell	W	1.20	Freemont	M	2.10	Julius Caesar	M	1.10	Max'n Limbo	M	3.40	Priscilla	W	2.50	Tommy Spar	H	3.20
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Bellamy Jewel	M	1.40	Da Blenc	W	2.0	Freemont	M	2.10	Julius Caesar	M	1									

STAR RACING

WINCANTON ON 09055 141 601 (611)

1.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB H'CAP HDLE
Class E (11 flights) 2m (14 runners) £3,525
1-4021 EURADEER (55)(S) J King 11 12... T Messinger 77
1-355 KADAM (14)(F,D,S) B Nichols 5 11 12... T Heard 77
1-004 COUNTRY DART (19) J O'Connell 11 12... R Stephens 93
4-010 PROTAGONIST (19)(S) B Nichols 5 11 12... T Messinger 77
1-165 LAUDAMUS (15)(CD,D,S) R Aher 7 11 12... A Thornton 92
1-304 QUARRYMOUNT (19) J O'Connell 11 12... R Stephens 93
6-050 QUINTUS (21)(F,S) V A King 10 11 4... R Thornton 87
1-332 LORD NELSSON (7) A Turrell 9 11 4... R Johnson 59
1-250 KNOB (10)(F,S) S Powell 11 1... J P McNamara
5-522 KNIGHT OF SILVER (16)(F,S) S Brough 8 10 9... R Greene 100
1-102-3 IDEAL JACK (19)(F,T) G Hen 10 1 3... S Dehndel 77
1-47P CLOUDY BLUES (19)(R) R Bucker 10 1 2... R Hitchcott
1-020 SKYE BLUE (22)(S) P J Mew 5 10 10... R Young 62
Star Betting: 1-2 Big Rob, 6 Kadam, Lord Nelson, 10-12 Quarrymount, 7 Quintus, Knight Of Silver, 10 Laudamus, 12 others.
2004: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: LORD NELSSON Danger: Big Rob
2.00 TATTERSALLS NOVICES' CHASE (QUAL)
CI D mares (17 fences) 2m5f (11 runners) £5,498

1-4101 CABALLE (21)(F,S)(V) M Scudamore 8 11 4 J Kingston (10) 67
2-2334 CANSALURIN (36) 2 R Aher 6 11 4... R Walford 58
3-213-4 DARJEELING (12)(F,S,C) P Nichols 6 11 4... Christian Williams
4-2F-4 DE BLANC (12)(G,S) Miss V Williams 5 11 4... S Thomas 49
5-44P-5 EASIBROOK JANE (13)(D,S,T) C L Tizzard 7 11 4... J Tizzard 68
6-102F-0 KINGS BAY (24)(S) H Morrison 6 11 4... J Crowley
7-723-2 MOTOCOME (23)(B,F,V) R Aher 7 11 4... A Thornton 96
8-4UP-4 MOYLSAR (11) J George 6 11 4 J R Snowden (7) 34
9-542P-2 PRISCILLA (229) K Bishop 7 11 4... J P McNamara
10-311-2 MISS SUPREME SERENADE (25)(F,D,S,G) P Hobbs 6 11 4... R Johnson 103
11-1130-1 SWORD LADY (21)(D,G,S,G) Mrs S Williams 7 11 4... R Greene
Star Betting: 9-4 Supreme Serenade, 7-2 Darjeeling, 7 Kings Bay, 8 Easibrook Jane, Motocombe, 10-12 De Blanc, 11-13 Moylsar, 12 Priscilla.
2004: Nas Na Righ, 5-11-4, (M Fitzgerald, 5-4) N Henderson, 7 ran.

S'FORM: SUPREME SERENADE Dgr: Darjeeling
2.30 'HANDS AND HEELS' NOVICES' HANDICAP HDLE
Class E (8 flights) 2m (9 runners) £3,399

1-3240 ALBARINO (50) M Scudamore 6 11 12... J Kingston 71
2-26P-1 LA PROFESSORSA (15)(F) B Nichols 5 11 12... P O'Dwyer 34
3-4P-2 MR RHUBARB (19) C Dwyer 11... K Burke 61
4-25-4 MAGNUS (19)(D,G,S) Williams 7 11 0... D Boland 61
5-3P-0 WIZZARD LAD (20)(F) S B Nichols 5 11 10... T Messenger
6-0403 GLOWING EMERALD (31) Parnett 5 10 13... J Pemberton 63
7-54-04 THE RIP (31) S George 4 10 12... L Heard 67
8-000-2 SUNSET KING (40) S George 4 10 12... J Pemberton 63
9-5543 JOSEAR (11) Dorn 3 10 7... A Glassonbury 79
Star Betting: 5-2 Nagano, 4 The Rip, 9-2 GLOWING EMERALD, 13-2 Sunset King, 7 Albarino, 10 La Professoresa, 25 others.
2004: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: THE RIP Danger: Nagano

MARKET RASEN ON 09055 141 602 (612)

TONY LEWIS STAR TIP
12-40 PARISIENNE GALE 12-40 PARISIENNE GALE
1-010 ASTRONAUT 1-010 ASTRONAUT
1-410 JHEIR CAESAR 1-410 JHEIR CAESAR
1-210 HEIR TO BE (nap) 2-10 NOT LEFT YET
2-010 FOLLOW THE FLOW 2-010 FOLLOW THE FLOW
3-40 BERGERAC 3-40 KITSKI
3-40 MR POINTMENT 3-40 NOR'NOR' EAST
STARFORM: 2.00 Supreme Serenade (treble), 3.00 Le Jaguar (nb), 4.00 Denman (nap), all Wincanton.
CLOCKFORM: 3.00 Wincanton Zaffanore 1st, 3.00 Le Jaguar (nb), 4.00 Rottweiller, 12-40 Heir To Be, 2-40 Follow The Flow, 3.00 Bergerac, 3.40 Easibrook Jane, 3.40 Not Left Yet.
GOING: Good to Soft-Soft in Places
JACKPOT&PLACEPOT: First six races.

TRACKFACTS

Tight right-hand oval circuits. The sharp bends favour the handy types. With eight fences that are not difficult, nor are the five hurdles.

12.40 HANDICAP HURDLE

(F) (8 flights) 2m1f4 (9 runners) £3,268
1-4P-1 FRIEDHELM (11)(D,F,S) Cuck 9 11 12... Miss Rachel Clark 37
2-10-55 BELMONT (19)(N) M Scudamore 4 11 12... Miss P Davidson 77
3-40-40 SIEGRIEDS NIGHT (11)(D,G,S) T Chapman 11 12... Miss A Deniel 77
4-3625 RIFLEMAN (3)(T) R Gay 5 11 10... Miss A Armitage 68
5-5P-1 FORTNIGHT (17)(D,G,S) Cuck 11 12... Miss E A Jones 68
2-56-1 ALPINE HIDEAWAY (23)(D,D,F) J Wainwright 12... Miss S Brotherton 77
7-31F1 PARISIENNE GALE (12)(D,G,S) R Ford 6 11 2... Miss Caroline Hurley 77
8-005-0 COMMEMORATION DAY (21)(B) S Snowden 4 11 2... Ann Stokell 77
9-0P-6 UPSWING (13)(R) Cuck 10 13... Miss C Metcalfe 77
Star Betting: 11-8 Parisienne Gale, 4 Nobel, 6 Riflemen, 7 Upswing, 8 Siegfrieds Night, 14 Alpine Hideaway, 25 others.
2004: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: NOBEL Danger: Parisienne Gale

1.10 SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

Class G (10 flights) 2m5f (9 runners) £2,172
1-5P-3 CONFORTABLE CALL (15)(C,D,G,S) H Alexander 7 11 12... P O'Neill 58
2-1133 ASTRONAUT (85)(F,D,P) R C Cuck 11 12... P O'Neill 58
3-0P-25 CROMWELL (11)(D,G,S) M Chapman 10 12... D C Costello 5
4-53P-1 ALTON (97)(M) Sweeney 6 10 12... D C Costello 5
5-02054 LAZY LENA (13) Miss Liddell 6 10 12... T Siddall 66
6-152P-1 FLEMING (247)(R) A Brown 8 10 8... A Tinkler 66
7-0P-1 AVANTI TIGER (25)(S) S B Nichols 5 10 9... R Felly 66
8-PP-322 SAMSON DES GALAS (13)(P) R Gray 7 10 2... D Lee 64
9-0P-1 SEA MAIZE (173)(P) C Wilson 10 12... P Aspell 32
Star Betting: 9-4 Samson Des Galas, 5-2 Astronaut, 7-2 Lazy Lena, 7 Fleming, 14 Comfortable Call, 16 Cromwell, 20 others.
2004: Miss Rideheight, 5-10-2, (D Crosse), 12-1 J G Brown, 7 ran.

S'FORM: SAMSON DES GALAS Dgr: Astronaut

1.40 A J NEARY MEMORIAL BEGINNERS' CHASE

(E) (15 fences) 2m6f (10 runners) £3,787
1-51P-3 CLASSIC CAPRIS (21)(G,S) J Jefferson 6 11 0... F King 10
2-12-2 MARTHAS A KINSMAN (20)(S) H Day 6 11 0... M Bradburne
3-380 STONEYCROFT (20)(S) H Day 6 11 0... M Bradburne
4-14-2 THE RISING MOON (32)(S) J King 10 11 0... A McCoy
5-0-5 EL ALDULZ (9) R Schuster 5 10 13... A Dempsey
6-311-1 JULIUS CAESAR (25)(S) S B Nichols 5 10 13... D Lee
7-1250-1 KIRKILL (22)(D,G,S) H Horgan 5 10 13... D O'Meara
8-1250-1 MUNTENBERG (25)(S) S B Nichols 5 10 13... J Murphy
9-5P-6 KERAPHE (46) D Brown 5 10 13... T Felly
10-1-1 BELLAVER JEWEL (20)(G,S) J Quinn 6 10 7... A Dobbin
Star Betting: 3-3 Julius Caesar, 7-2 The Rising Moon, 4 MARTHAS A KINSMAN, 11-2 Bellaver Jewel, 7 King Killone, 8 others.
2004: Jimmies, 7-11-0, (D Dennis, 6-1) Williams, 10 ran.

STARFORM: JULIUS CAESAR Dgr: King Killone

3.00 HAMILTON LITESTAT HANDICAP CHASE

Class C 3m4f (8 runners) £10,149
1-1114-4 WHITENZO (20)(G,S,T) P Nichols 9 11 12M J Snowden (7) 124
2-610-56 INCA TRAIL (12)(G,C,F,G,S) P Nichols 9 11 12M S C Tizzard (7) 125
3-123P-3 FOX IN THE BOX (29)(F,G,S) R Aher 8 11 0... A Thornton 90
4-0120P-0 ZAFFANORE (21)(C,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 9 11 0... S Thomas 133
5-11F-25 TONY SAYERS (25)(B,C,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7 10 10... R Stephens (5) 125
6-21F-53 LE JAGUAR (25)(C,F,G,T) P Nichols 5 10 10... L Heard (7) 107
7-402-20 KOUELOCT (40)(C,G,S,B) P Hobbs 7 10 9... R Johnson 119
8-0P-011 SAFFRON SUN (16)(F,G,S) J Frost 10 10 5... Christian Williams 120
Star Betting: 4-2 Saffron Sun, 9-2 Whitenzo, Le Jaguar, 6 Fox In The Box, Koqueluct, 7 Inca Trail, 12 Tom Sayers.
2004: No corresponding race.

STARFORM
The betford at Sandown (3m5f), P Nichols 9 11 12M J Snowden (7) 124, the way find him out as Le Jaguar comes here on the back of a close 3rd to Heir Hunter in a valuable C&D handicap, and today's mark, and has the best of Tom Sayers, who was 291 away in 5th.

STARFORM: LE JAGUAR Danger: Whitenzo

lotesport.com HANDICAP CHASE
Class D (13 fences) 2m (5 runners) £5,449

1-33113 L'OSEAU (13)(B,C,D,D,F,G) J Tizzard 10
2-0125-3 Mrs J Scrase 9 11 11... J Crowley 96
3-422-60 ROOFING SPIRIT (12)(D,S) D Keane 7 11 8... D Jacob (7) 101
4-00012-2 NICK THE JEWEL (33)(B,D,F,G,S) A Tinkler 10 11 6... R Johnson 104
5-12P-45 R Lee 11 10 10... R Thornton 98
Star Betting: 4-2 Neltina, 5-2 L'OSEAU, 3 Nick The Jewel, 13-2 Roofing Spirit, 7 Runner Bean.
2004: Runner Bean, 10-11-2, (J P McNamara, 7-1) R Lee, 7 ran.

S'FORM: RUNNER BEAN Dgr: Nick The Jewel

2.10 HANDICAP HDLE (SERIES QUALIFIER)

(B) (10 flights) 2m6f (15 runners) £12,289
1-051F-1 FREETOWN (257)(S) L Lingo 9 11 12... A Dobbin 99
2-PE214-4 CAMPAIGN TRAIL (265)(G,S) Jonjo O'Neill 7 11 5... A P McCoy
3-F31411-1 BUSHIDO (31)(C,D,G,S) Mrs S J Smith 6 11 2... D Elsworth
4-NATHOS (11)(C,G,S) C Mann (7) 8 ex 11 0... N Feahy 111
5-MISTER ARJAY (8)(G,S) B Ellegos 5 10 12... R Garrity 108
6-VICARS DESTINY (19)(C,D,G,S,P) Mrs S Lamyman 7 10 9... A Dempsey 107
7-VICARIO (14)(S) D McCan 4 10 4... G Lee 117
8-BALL O MALT (22)(F,S) R Fahey 9 10 2... A Ross 113
9-JACK MARTIN (221)(S) S Gollings 8 10 4... R McGrath 120
10-COTTAM GRANGE (11)(C,D,G) M W Easterly 5 10 4M T Greenall (3) 107
11-NOT LEFT YET (5)(S) M Pipe (7) 6 ex 10 4... T J Murphy 105
12-JUST BETH (15)(C,D,G,S) G Fierro 9 10 2... D Laverty 5126
13-GALE HEIR (13)(B,F,G) A Hales 6 10 2... J E Moore 129
14-HEIR TO BE (15)(S) Mrs L Wadham 6 10 10... L Aspell 96
15-ILOVETURTLE (4)(T) M Chapman 5 10 10... K Johnson 78
Star Betting: 5-4 Not Left Yet, 8 NATHOS, Mister Arjay, Sallango, 10 Vicario, 14 Bushido, 20 Freetown, Campaign Trail, 25 others.
2004: Liberman, 6-10-1, (T J Murphy, 9-4) M Pipe, 12 ran.

STARFORM
NOT LEFT YET won with such authority at Cheltenham (2m, good/sloot) that a 7lb penalty may not stop him from following up. He had shown little last season but clearly has strengthened up and, though this is more competitive, he is at the right end of the handicap and is bred to appreciate the step up in trip. NATHOS seemed to find this trip stretching his stamina two outings ago before scoring over 2m3f here in the same. He looks winner Mister Arjay's stamina.

STARFORM: NOT LEFT YET Danger: Bushido

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RACING UK

TONY LEWIS STAR TIP

1.30 BIG ROB (treble) 1.30 BIG ROB
2.00 SUPREME SERENADE 2.00 SUPREME SERENADE
3.00 THE JEWEL 3.00 THE JEWEL
4.00 KARANJA 4.00 DENMAN
ROTTEWELER: 1.30 Knight Of Silver 2.00 Cansalun 2.30 Nagano 3.00 Whitenzo 3.30 L'OSEAU 4.00 Denman.
GOING: Good
PLACEPOT: First six races.

TRACKFACTS

Right-handed oval track of one mile three furlongs and a short run-in of 190yds. With nine quite stiff fences and six hurdles per circuit, well suited to a galloping type.

TOP TRAINERS

Nicholls 80 winners, (26% strike rate), £36.67, P Hobbs 33, (18%), £38.18, Miss H Knight 20, (22%), £23.60, A King 17, (17%), £25.07.

4.00 HAMILTON LITESTAT NOVICES' HURDLE

Class D (11 flights) 2m6f (12 runners) £5,010
1-1 DENMAN (25)(C,D,G) P Nichols 5 11 4... Christian Williams 111
2-BALLISTO (218) A King 6 10 12... R Thornton 62
3-WARREY BLUE 3-WARREY BLUE
4-BATTLING BUSTER (6) J Crowley
5-R BUCKLER 8 10 12... R Hitchcott
6-CANDELLIGHT VALLEY 6-Hobbs 6 10 12... R Johnson
7-HIGHLAND CHIEF (25) Miss H Knight 5 10 12... S Thomas
8-MISS MY PARTY (21)(G,P) WGM Tine 4 10 12 R Lucy-Butler (7) 74
9-KARANJA (25)(B,F,S) V Darnall 6 10 12... A Thornton 93
10-LAHARNA (20) Miss E Lavelle 5 10 12... B Fenton 62
11-SECRET DIVIN (19) J Auvray 5 10 12... D Crosse 67
12-SPARTAN PLACE (275) J A Gaskie 5 10 12... J A McCarthy 98
13-KARANJA (25)(B,F,S) P Nichols 5 11 4... Christian Williams 111
14-P DUFFIELD 4 10 12... R Young (3) —
Star Betting: 13-8 Denman, 15-8 KARANJA, 13-2 Candellight Valley, 10 Spartan Place, 14 Ballistio, Highland Chief, 25 others.
2004: Patches, 5-11-3, (J Tizzard, 5-4) P Nichols, 6 ran.

STARFORM
Denman and KARANJA are the two to concentrate on. The selection, winner of an Irish punt, made a winning start over hurdles with a decent performance to beat Lyle Green one and a quarter lengths over C&D. He hurdled fluently showing the right attitude and is held in high regard and may be capable of defying his penalty to beat the potential useful KARANJA. It remains to be seen whether KARANJA is as good over hurdles as he was in bumpers last season. He showed signs of temperamental on his hurdle bow at Antree (2m6f, soft) and failed to hold Jeremy Cuddie Cuddie by a head. He jumped well in the main and travelled smoothly but was in the penalty of 6lb and perhaps more was expected of him.

STARFORM: DENMAN Danger: KARANJA

2.40 SYMES BAINS BROOMER H'CAP CHASE

(D) (21 fences) 3m4f (8 runners) £5,725
1-UP-4 HAWK'S LANDING (16)(G,S) Jonjo O'Neill 8 11 12... A McCoy 42
2-222-4 HEDDI (11)(F,S) P George 7 11 10... J Mague 103
3-32P-1 HEIDI (11)(F,S) P George 7 11 10... J Mague 103
4-32P-1 FOLLOW THE FLOW (21)(D,S) P George 7 11 10... J Mague 103
5-32P-1 BOB'S THE BUSINESS (257)(G,S) Williams 11 11 3 A Dobbin 76
6-32P-1 FIRM BAY (19)(C,D,G,S) A P Jones 11 12... R Felly 93
7-32P-1 VIL AIR (24)(F,G,S) Mear 10 12... J Mague 103
8-32P-1 BUZYBASKON (21)(C,D,G,S) J Mear 10 12... J Mague 103
9-32P-1 HAWK'S LANDING (16)(G,S) Jonjo O'Neill 8 11 12... A McCoy 42
10-32P-1 THE BUSINESS (10)(F,S) P George 7 11 10... J Mague 103
11-32P-1 ONLY PLOT, 8-11-4, (T Doyle, 9-2) C Tinkler, 7 ran.
GARRYVOE is, unopposed, and is the one horse in the race with the scope to improve. He made a successful chasing debut at Leicester (3m, good/sloot) last year and then finished 2nd on his next three starts before posting a decent 6th at Cheltenham (4m1f, good) to Another Rum where he would have finished closer but for some indifference.

STARFORM: GARRYVOE Dgr: Hawk's Landing

3.10 BOOK FOR BOXING DAY H'CAP CHASE

(18 fences) 2m4f (8 runners) £5,426
1-1423 KITSKI (15)(G) Murphy 7 11 12... K Mercer 63
2-62P-1 JONES'S ROAD (19)(D,F,S) Jonjo O'Neill 7 11 11... A McCoy 85
3-32P-1 BEAT THE HEAT (25)(D,F,S) P George 7 11 10... J Mague 103
4-62P-1 DEEP DEEP (21)(C,F,S) Mear 10 12... A Dobbin 101
5-52P-1 BERRY (17)(F,S) R Cuck 11 12... P O'Neill 58
6-32P-1 FIERY PEACE (40)(C,G,S) Cuck 11 12... J Mague 103
7-2P-4 TACOLINO (27)(C,D,G,S) Cuck 11 12... J Mague 103
8-32P-1 JAYBEAY (15)(S) George 7 11 10... J Mague 103
Star Betting: 7-2 Beat The Heat, 4 Tacolino, 9-2 Jones's Road, 11-2 Fiery Peace, 7 Deep Deep, 8 Bergerac, 10 Jaybeay, 12 KITSKI.
2004: No corresponding race.

STARFORM
Carlsie (3m, heavy) though does not appear that well treated underweight on his hurdles racing. That was his first outing over fences and for Furdy Murphy and his chance must be respected. The same applies to Jones's Road who dotted up at Windsor last year on his British debut.

STARFORM: BERGERAC Danger: Jones's Road

3.40 'NH' NOVICES' HURDLE

(E) (10 flights) 2m3f (16 runners) £3,405
1-31 NORHOREAST (20)(S) Jonjo O'Neill 7 11 5... A McCoy 47
2-8P-1 ACTUAL (32) P Wren 5 10 12... B Kenry
3-2P-1 CEDAR RAPIDS (20) H Horgan 5 10 12... D O'Meara
4-32P-1 ELTRA SMITH (22) C Beatty 4 10 12... T Felly 63
5-0P-1 FLEMING BROOK (272) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
6-14P-1 HIL HURPRISE (19)(B) H Horgan 5 10 12... P Aspell
7-0P-1 HOWSHAM LAD (208) R Kelly 6 10 12... R McGrath
8-32P-1 MAX N LIMBO (179) M W Easterly 5 10 12... M T Greenall (3) 107
9-14P-1 MONTAGNE (279)(G) C Egan 6 10 12... A Tinkler
10-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
11-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
12-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
13-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
14-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
15-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
16-14P-1 NEARLY NEVER (13) Mrs S J Smith 5 10 12... P Aspell
Star Betting: 11-8 Norhoreast, 14-2 Hil Hurprise, 12-14 P Aspell, 13-2 Tinkler, 15-2 Tinkler, 16-2 Tinkler, 17-2 Tinkler, 18-2 Tinkler, 19-2 Tinkler, 20-2 Tinkler, 21-2 Tinkler, 22-2 Tinkler, 23-2 Tinkler, 24-2 Tinkler, 25-2 Tinkler, 26-2 Tinkler, 27-2 Tinkler, 28-2 Tinkler, 29-2 Tinkler, 30-2 Tinkler, 31-2 Tinkler, 32-2 Tinkler, 33-2 Tinkler, 34-2 Tinkler, 35-2 Tinkler, 36-2 Tinkler, 37-2 Tinkler, 38-2 Tinkler, 39-2 Tinkler, 40-2 Tinkler, 41-2 Tinkler, 42-2 Tinkler, 43-2 Tinkler, 44-2 Tinkler, 45-2 Tinkler, 46-2 Tinkler, 47-2 Tinkler, 48-2 Tinkler, 49-2 Tinkler, 50-2 Tinkler, 51-2 Tinkler, 52-2 Tinkler, 53-2 Tinkler, 54-2 Tinkler, 55-2 Tinkler, 56-2 Tinkler, 57-2 Tinkler, 58-2 Tinkler, 59-2 Tinkler, 60-2 Tinkler, 61-2 Tinkler, 62-2 Tinkler, 63-2 Tinkler, 64-2 Tinkler, 65-2 Tinkler, 66-2 Tinkler, 67-2 Tinkler, 68-2 Tinkler, 69-2 Tinkler, 70-2 Tinkler, 71-2 Tinkler, 72-2 Tinkler, 73-2 Tinkler, 74-2 Tinkler, 75-2 Tinkler, 76-2 Tinkler, 77-2 Tinkler, 78-2 Tinkler, 79-2 Tinkler, 80-2 Tinkler, 81-2 Tinkler, 82-2 Tinkler, 83-2 Tinkler, 84-2 Tinkler, 85-2 Tinkler, 86-2 Tinkler, 87-2 Tinkler, 88-2 Tinkler, 89-2 Tinkler, 90-2 Tinkler, 91-2 Tinkler, 92-2 Tinkler, 93-2 Tinkler, 94-2 Tinkler, 95-2 Tinkler, 96-2 Tinkler, 97-2 Tinkler, 98-2 Tinkler, 99-2 Tinkler, 100-2 Tinkler, 101-2 Tinkler, 102-2 Tinkler, 103-2 Tinkler, 104-2 Tinkler, 105-2 Tinkler, 106-2 Tinkler, 107-2 Tinkler, 108-2 Tinkler, 109-2 Tinkler, 110-2 Tinkler, 111-2 Tinkler, 112-2 Tinkler, 113-2 Tinkler, 114-2 Tinkler, 115-2 Tinkler, 116-2 Tinkler, 117-2 Tinkler, 118-2 Tinkler, 119-2 Tinkler, 120-2 Tinkler, 121-2 Tinkler, 122-2 Tinkler, 123-2 Tinkler, 124-2 Tinkler, 125-2 Tinkler, 126-2 Tinkler, 127-2 Tinkler, 128-2 Tinkler, 129-2 Tinkler, 130-2 Tinkler, 131-2 Tinkler, 132-2 Tinkler, 133-2 Tinkler, 134-2 Tinkler, 135-2 Tinkler, 136-2 Tinkler, 137-2 Tinkler, 138-2 Tinkler, 139-2 Tinkler, 140-2 Tinkler, 141-2 Tinkler, 142-2 Tinkler, 143-2 Tinkler, 144-2 Tinkler, 145-2 Tinkler, 146-2 Tinkler, 147-2 Tinkler, 148-2 Tinkler, 149-2 Tinkler, 150-2 Tinkler, 151-2 Tinkler, 152-2 Tinkler, 153-2 Tinkler, 154-2 Tinkler, 155-2 Tinkler, 156-2 Tinkler, 157-2 Tinkler, 158-2 Tinkler, 159-2 Tinkler, 160-2 Tinkler, 161-2 Tinkler, 162-2 Tinkler, 163-2 Tinkler, 164-2 Tinkler, 165-2 Tinkler, 166-2 Tinkler, 167-2 Tinkler, 168-2 Tinkler, 169-2 Tinkler, 170-2 Tinkler, 171-2 Tinkler, 172-2 Tinkler, 173-2 Tinkler, 174-2 Tinkler, 175-2 Tinkler, 176-2 Tinkler, 177-2 Tinkler, 178-2 Tinkler, 179-2 Tinkler, 180-2 Tinkler, 181-2 Tinkler, 182-2 Tinkler, 183-2 Tinkler, 184-2 Tinkler, 185-2 Tinkler, 186-2 Tinkler, 187-2 Tinkler, 188-2 Tinkler, 189-2 Tinkler, 190-2 Tinkler, 191-2 Tinkler, 192-2 Tinkler, 193-2 Tinkler, 194-2 Tinkler, 195-2 Tinkler, 196-2 Tinkler, 197-2 Tinkler, 198-2 Tinkler, 199-2 Tinkler, 200-2 Tinkler, 201-2 Tinkler, 202-2 Tinkler, 203-2 Tinkler, 204-2 Tinkler, 205-2 Tinkler, 206-2 Tinkler, 207-2 Tinkler, 208-2 Tinkler, 209-2 Tinkler, 210-2 Tinkler, 211-2 Tinkler, 212-2 Tinkler, 213-2 Tinkler, 214-2 Tinkler, 215-2 Tinkler, 216-2 Tinkler, 217-2 Tinkler, 218-2 Tinkler, 219-2 Tinkler, 220-2 Tinkler, 221-2 Tinkler, 222-2 Tinkler, 223-2 Tinkler, 224-2 Tinkler, 225-2 Tinkler, 226-2 Tinkler, 227-2 Tinkler, 228-2 Tinkler, 229-2 Tinkler, 230-2 Tinkler, 231-2 Tinkler, 232-2 Tinkler, 233-2 Tinkler, 234-2 Tinkler, 235-2 Tinkler, 236-2 Tinkler, 237-2 Tinkler, 238-2 Tinkler, 239-2 Tinkler, 240-2 Tinkler, 241-2 Tinkler, 242-2 Tinkler, 243-2 Tinkler, 244-2 Tinkler, 245-2 Tinkler, 246-2 Tinkler, 247-2 Tinkler, 248-2 Tinkler, 249-2 Tinkler, 250-2 Tinkler, 251-2 Tinkler, 252-2 Tinkler, 253-2 Tinkler, 254-2 Tinkler, 255-2 Tinkler, 256-2 Tinkler, 257-2 Tinkler, 258-2 Tinkler, 259-2 Tinkler, 260-2 Tinkler, 26

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SCARY: Williams in the London Dungeon

You're Dun for Audley

DANNY WILLIAMS has vowed to kill off Audley Harrison's world heavyweight title hopes.

Unbeaten Harrison, 34, insists he is closing in on a shot at one of the four world crowns.

But fellow Londoner Williams insists he will shatter his rival's hopes when they clash in London next month.

Williams, 32, got in the mood for his bid to end Harrison's title talk by visiting top tourist attraction the London Dungeon yesterday.

by NICK PARKINSON

And he pledged: "I'm going to be the executioner on December 10. "All his hopes and talk are going to be cut short because I won't be taking prisoners. It could be the end of him. "He will have to brush himself down like I have and improve on his bad points if he wants to come back."

THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BLOW IT

Says RICKY HATTON

by KEVIN FRANCIS

SUPER-CONFIDENT Ricky Hatton puts his IBF world light-welterweight title on the line next week insisting: "The thought of defeat has never entered my head."

He meets rugged Colombian Carlos Maussa, the WBA champion, in a unification battle at the Sheffield Arena. And Mancunian Hatton will be positively brimming with confidence when he enters the ring on November 26.

Guided

It will be "The Hitman's" first fight under the banner of new promoter Denis Hobson's Fight Academy following his acrimonious split with Frank Warren, the man who guided him to the top of the world.

But despite the legal battle, in which Warren at one stage took out an injunction to prevent next week's fight taking place, Hatton said: "I am now fully focused on the Maussa fight."

"I know Maussa will be a very tough challenge but the thought of defeat has never once entered my head - that's how confident I feel in my ability to win yet again."

"Beating Kostya Tszyu to win the IBF belt in my last fight was a marvelous feeling."

Now, after reaching such a pinnacle, I am certainly not going to lose, believe me."

Warren is still taking action against Hatton for an alleged breach of contract but, for the time being at least, the 27-year-old is free to concentrate on the Maussa fight.

Legend

Hatton believes the legal problems that have beset him and his team in recent months have helped turn him into a better boxer.

He said: "The things that happen to you outside the ring make you stronger as a fighter."

But Hatton, who has won all of his 39 fights, went on: "I'd be a liar if I said my preparation has been ideal because it hasn't."

"It's been one thing after the other mentally and has been frustrating at times."

"But if anything it just makes you more strong-minded to succeed."

Hatton's trainer, Billy "The Preacher" Graham, said: "Ricky is training hard for this fight."

"He is intent on unifying the division and wants to go down in boxing history as a legend."



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Starsport has teamed up with Powerade, the official sports drink of the Rugby Football Union and the England rugby team, to offer two lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the huge clash at Twickenham on Saturday.

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COUNTDOWN TO ENGLAND v ALL BLACKS

LEAVE IT OUT HENRY

ENGLAND head coach Andy Robinson has hit back at Kiwi coach Graham Henry and told him: "Stop trying to wind me up!"

by DEAN WILSON

Robinson was left fuming at Henry's accusation of video spying by England on an All Blacks training session on Tuesday.

The England boss has told Henry to "shut it" ahead of the big clash at Twickenham on Saturday, saying only the efforts of the players will matter.

And Robinson has backed his players to come up with the sort of physical performance that can stop the Kiwis from completing a Grand Slam over the home unions. Robinson said: "I think he is trying to wind me up. It does happen where coaches say things in the run up to big matches."

"But let me make it clear, the only thing that matters is what happens

on Saturday afternoon. It is the players and what they do on the pitch that matter.

"All the rest of it is irrelevant, the game is not won and lost by the coaches."

"I am annoyed at these allegations, because we had nothing to do with it and we should just move on."

"We've got to be focused on what we need to do, and that is smash the All Blacks shirts out of the way at the breakdown and put them under pressure for the full 80 minutes."

Strain

Luckily for England Charlie Hodgson has been declared fit to face the All Blacks in the biggest game of his career.

Hodgson had been a major worry for the second international clash of the autumn after limping off with a groin strain 60 minutes into the Australia match on Saturday.



OUCH! Martin Cory and Perry Freshwater play-fight yesterday

But the Sale Sharks playmaker is fit enough to try to continue his good form and keep Bath fly-half Ollie Barkley on the bench.

Unsurprisingly, Robinson has kept faith with the same 15 men who did the damage against the Wallabies, to start the game against the New Zealanders.

Hodgson said: "I'm fine to play, and I'm looking forward to the

game, it is going to be the biggest challenge of my career."

"I was very worried that I wouldn't make it because my groin had been really stiff for the past couple of days."

"But I've been running today and doing a little bit of kicking, so I'll be fit to play and hopefully get a bit more of an expansive game going on Saturday."

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FIRST TEST: Skipper ready for surprise

VAUGHAN



64-2: End for Bell



67-3: Strauss goes



67-4: Colly wobbles



93-5: Farewell Freddie



101-6: Pietersen's out



117-7: Bye, bye, Giles



166-8: Jones is out



166-9: Udal is bowled

IT'S ALL OVER: Pakistan paceman Shoaib Akhtar grabs a stump to celebrate the end of Steve Harmison and a dramatic 22-run victory

from RODNEY WHITE in Multan
MICHAEL VAUGHAN will ride to England's rescue after seeing his side get a mauling in Multan.

The Ashes stonkers turned into plonkers in Pakistan as they were skittled for 175, handing the hosts a shock 22-run victory in the first Test.

England lost six wickets before lunch and were still an hour away from tea when Stephen Harmison was last man out.

But the good news is that Vaughan is set to beef up the batting with a dramatic return for the second Test starting in Faisalabad on Sunday.

The return of the captain, out for a week with a twisted knee, is a huge boost to England's shattered spirits.

Coach Duncan Fletcher said: "He's coming on fine and there's a good chance he'll play."

Tossed

"His knee's always been a problem and might still be, but he feels comfortable and in a couple of days will be okay."

Vaughan's fitness verdict is the perfect pick-me-up after England tossed away the first of three Tests despite being on top for the first four days.

Stand-in skipper Marcus Trescothick, out for five in the second innings, slammed his side's lack of determination.

Tresco, who hit 193 in the first innings, snapped: "I was delighted with how things went for me personally but that's totally irrelevant. The result is the main thing."

"I thought we would knock the runs off pretty comfortably. We lacked application."

"We should have occupied the crease and the runs would have come easily. More application for

Pryce is Well suited for

LEON PRYCE is favourite to replace Paul Wellens at full back as Great Britain chase the three-point win over Australia that will put them into the Tri-Nations final.

Nod

Wellens was yesterday ruled out of the face-off with the Kangaroos at Hull on Saturday with a knee ligament injury picked up in the victory over

by MARTIN RICHARDS

New Zealand. The 6ft 4in 16stone Pryce, who joins Wellens at St Helens next year, is expected to get the nod over Richard Horne after playing 10 games for Bradford at full back and excelling against the Kiwis in a roving role.

Pryce may not have the same defensive solidity as Wellens, the only specialist full back in

the squad, but Britain have to put maximum pressure on Australia.

Horne will come in for the stricken Paul Deacon at scrum half or be used off the bench.

Bow

Britain are very hopeful that Brian Carney, who injured a hamstring against the Kiwis, will be fit after taking part in training yesterday.

Hull winger Gareth Raynor could still make his Test bow on his home ground if Pryce is moved to full back.

"Gareth has had a fantastic season and has fitted in extremely well within the camp," said Lions assistant coach Jon Sharp.

New Zealand coach Brian McClennan wants a Kiwis-Lions final but thinks the Aussies will be too strong.

comeback as England hit the buffers

TO THE RESCUE



DONE UP LIKE A SKIPPER: Injured Michael Vaughan can't believe as Pakistan celebrate

the next game is going to be crucial.

"The bowlers worked particularly hard so the batters need to keep adapting to the pitches and come back strong."

"We'll stick together as a unit. You have to go through ups and downs and we'll come back strong and try to win the next one."

Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen were the main villains with silly shots as they threw their wickets away for 11 and 19 runs respectively.

Hope

England had started the day on 24-1, needing 198 to win, and looked comfortable as Ian Bell and Andrew Strauss took the score to 66-1.

But leg-spinner Danish Kaneria removed both in the same over to spark the collapse.

Paul Collingwood went for three, followed by Flintoff and Pietersen, before Geraint Jones top-scored with 33 to give England hope.

He and Shaun Udal (18) added 49 runs for the eighth wicket but both fell on 166 and last an Harmison followed nine

runs later. Kaneria took 4-62 and paceman Shoaib Akhtar mopped up the tail with 3-49.

Fletcher said: "I believed we could get the runs. The guys just needed to show a little more patience."

Pakistan skipper Inzamam-ul-Haq revealed the inspirational team-talk that put his side on the road to victory.

He said: "We had the motivation and I told the boys 'Give me two quick wickets and we'll be on course to win'."

"It's always important to win the first Test of a series. It's difficult to say we can now win the series but we'll give it our best try."

● **MATTHEW HOGGARD** has been hit by a £1,000 fine for excessive appealing. The England fast bowler was fined 20 per cent of his £5,000 match fee after breaking the ICC code of conduct during the dismissal of Pakistan opener Salman Butt on Tuesday.



SCOREBOARD

OVERNIGHT: Pakistan 274 (Butt 74, Inzamam-ul-Haq 53; Flintoff 4-68 & 341 (Butt 122, Inzamam-ul-Haq 72; Flintoff 4-88), England 418 (Trescothick 193, Bell 71; Ahmed 4-54) & 24-1.

England 2nd innings cont.

Trescothick b Shabbir Ahmed 5
Strauss c Raza b Kaneria 31
Bell c Akmal b Kaneria 23
Collingwood lbw b Sami 3
Pietersen c Akmal b Sami 19
Flintoff c Khan b Kaneria 11
Jones b Akhtar 33
Giles b Akhtar 14
Udal b Kaneria 18
Hoggard not out 0
Harmison c Khan b Akhtar 9
Extras (b6 lb1) n2 9

Total (52.4 overs) 175

Fall: 1-7 2-64 3-67 4-67 5-93 6-101 7-117 8-166 9-166

Bowling: Akhtar 12.4-1-49-3, Ahmed 10-2-25-1, Kaneria 20-0-62-4, Sami 9-0-31-2, Malik 1-0-1-0.

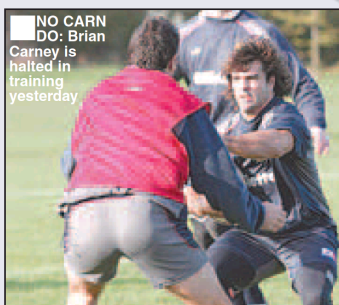
Pakistan won by 22 runs

Brits

The Kiwis will reach the final if Australia win, draw or lose to Britain by more than eight points.

McClellan said: "Australia's defence will be a lot harder to crack than ours was last weekend. Our marker defence was woeful and we were poor in a lot of areas."

● **LEEDS** have snapped up former Wests Tigers skipper Mark O'Neill for a year.



Toes goes in for a Win

JAMES TOSELAND has given the thumbs-up to the bike he will be racing next season as he bids to regain the World Superbike crown.

Toseland, 25, came through a rainy two-day test at Valencia positive about his first experiences on the Winston Ten Kate Honda bike.

The Sheffield rider said: "It feels excellent. I'm just getting used to it and there is plenty of time to learn the bike."

■ by **DAVE FERN**

"The team is working well together and I am comfortable about it every time I go out on track."

Rookie Craig Jones, 22, shone on his debut with the Foggy Petronas team. "My first impression is amazement, feeling the power," he said.



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TEXTS TO RODNEY

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OTHER TEXTS

Congrats 2 burscough on beating gillingham in cup but fleetwood town r comin 2 do wat gillingham failed 2 do uv been warned. Up the cod army. **Daz fwood**

Greedy England players negotiate £300k world cup win bonus? The bonus is LIFTING the cup! **Dave wigan**

To sid@excrement city fc. Your a joke mate, like your team! Lets all laugh at city ha ha ha! **Brooky pafc**

We're little Wigan, we're champions league, we live in mud huts, we're avin a laugh! **Charlie Wigan**

To mac th mag do u write ur texts on way to dole sad tramp. **Bucky safe 4eva**

P taylor, take that big chip of ur shoulder when it cums 2 spending big money, leicester was a long time ago **Bob the tiger**

COULNT LOVE GRET-NA MORE. EVEN IF BEAN N CLOONEY SIGNED. **THE GRETTA GODESS**

I have to say man u have the best players, rooney, beresford, henze, smith, park, neville now u chelsea scum thats wot u call good players mufc n1. **KEL MAN UNITED**

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every week! **DaveBan NUFC**

Dez and mike ur talkin s****, wafc are here to stay stay & y av not said wat

club ur from? Have we already beat you?

All the lads from Fastcas Well said Dom about u saying Beckham still being world class player & still a role model 4 kids, I couldn't agree with u more. **Jan, Belfast**

Peter Crouch is my spitting image but thats where all similarities end, im a miles better player than the useless twit! Mufc 4 ever! **STE RUTHERFORD**

Eh whitestuff what moon have you come from Stevie G has been a red all his life wake up and smell the coffee k @ @ bh @ @ d! **Daveredurchin**

Shearer did NOT get wot he deserved! People go on about the Bower thing like its a big deal! Big Al was hurt on purpose. He shud get him up in court 4 sure! **Craig K**

2 all u hfc try t turnup where given u a week t get it together. **Cas bfc**

Forest to have 20 years of hurt: they'll end up in conference north..Great **Notts rams**

To smegul jealousy is so sad you must be a good looking boy to have a name like that ha ha ha! **Top boy**

Where r all the chelsea fans? The silence is deafening! Man u on the way back. **Mr D**

To wayne efc behave urself lad joanie efc talks more s*** than bill kenwright c u in december u blue nose t**t you'll never walk alone 5 times. **DRAGON**

Dez&mike, Wigan are where they are because they deserve it... Accept it... Deal with it... Move on! You bore me! **Mackam latic**

Dez n mike, Wigan r quality team. Give us a chance ***** **Al manchester**

On peter crouch's worst day he is still better than ferguson, bent and big t*** beatie, take no notice of the beaubs crouchy lad! 5 times. **Scouse John**

Good to see harry buying fantasy players for summers in dreamteam only way they'll go up! **Fratton ender**

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■ CHARLTON recorded a net profit of £1.3m for the year ending June 2005 – a long way down on the previous year when the figure was boosted by the £10m sale of Scott Parker to Chelsea.

■ MARK HUGHES has taken USA midfielder Brian Carroll on trial at Blackburn after the DC United star impressed him during America's 1-1 draw with Scotland.

■ WEST BROM boss Bryan Robson is chasing the £700,000-rated Polish international centre-back Jaroslaw Bieniuk, 27, who was on trial at Albion last summer.

■ WOLVES have agreed a deal with Spurs to keep midfielder Tom Huddlestone, 18, on loan at Molineux for a second month.

■ ALAIN Perrin insists he won't be making a move for former Chelsea defender Marcel Desailly, 37, who wants to return to the Premiership after quitting Qatar side Al Gharafa.

■ BRIGHTON boss Mark McGhee wants to sign Cork City centre-half Dan Murray, 23, after watching the Irish side last week.

■ IAIN DOWIE admits he could be the next victim of Crystal Palace axeman Simon Jordan, with the Eagles 20-points behind league leaders Sheffield United.

■ BLACKPOOL'S stand-in boss Simon Grayson made his first signing yesterday, snapping-up midfielder Gary Harkins, 20, on a month's loan from Blackburn.

■ SOUTHEAST boss Steve Tilson is poised to open talks over a new three-year contract after an impressive start to the season in League One.

■ CARDIFF boss Dave Jones insists only an "unbelievable" offer would prise Cameron Jerome away from Ninian Park, after Tottenham checked out the young striker.

■ TEENAGE Newcastle keeper Ben Smith is having trials at Leeds.

■ BOURNEMOUTH are giving an extended trial to Lymington & New Milton right-back Pete Smith, 20.

■ READING'S Brynjar Gunnarsson, 30, is out of Saturday's clash with Hull after failing to recover from a groin injury.

■ WALSALL are planning a January bid for TNS keeper Gerard Doherty, 24, who played a starring role in the Welsh side's Champions League defeat by holders Liverpool.

■ NEWCASTLE are leading the race to sign Anderlecht's talented Swedish winger Christian Wilhelmsson, 25, during January's transfer window.

■ SUNDERLAND midfielder Grant Leadbitter, 19, has returned to the club after picking up a shin injury during his loan spell at Rotherham.

SERIOUSLY football

Hammers ace Reo-Coker shows he's

SUPERSTAR? REAL HEROES ARE DOCTORS AND NURSES



PARD-NERS: Reo-Coker with West Ham United manager Alan Pardew

THIS is no ordinary interview with a 21-year-old professional footballer. This is a one-off.

Every so often, a young man emerges who is mature beyond his years. Who helps repair the image of the game a minority do their best to spoil.

Midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker is 10 years ahead of his time. Just like former West Ham great Martin Peters was in the 1960s.

We wait to see whether Reo-Coker can equal Peters on the pitch. Off it he is already a wonderful advert for modern-day football.

Here is a possible England captain in the making and it was refreshing to talk to him at West Ham's Chadwell Heath training ground on Tuesday morning.

Pleasure

"I'm not the norm in football. I know that," he said. "If you were defining today's player it would not be me."

"I don't like all the spotlight and I find being asked for my autograph embarrassing. I hate it. This is what I do and I'm no different to the man on the street."

"Superstar heroes? I don't think so. The real heroes in this world are doctors and nurses, people who save lives. They do things that affect others. Okay, I can give pleasure to a



lot of people by playing football and helping West Ham win, but being humble takes you a long way in life.

"There are so many people on this planet who do as much as footballers and don't get the recognition. What I don't like is when I meet people for the first time and they ask what I do and I say professional footballer, they immediately have an opinion. "Yet they don't know me. I'm conscious of the image of the game and it is only a tiny minority that spoil it for the rest. It is the same in society, like for black people and the fight against racism."

"It hurts me when I hear people say all footballers are overpaid and unintelligent. I get disheartened."

Reo-Coker's father is a doctor, now separated from his mother Agnes, and lives back in Africa. "I don't see him, it is not a sore point and I'm fine about it," he said.

"My mother pushed the family through education and that was her

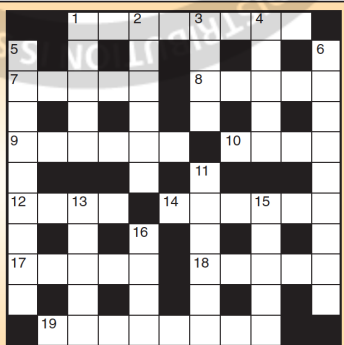
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- Academicals, Scottish football club (8)
- London Test cricket ground (5)
- Costantino, Italian golfer (5)
- and 6 down. Premiership football club (6,9)
- Friedel, Blackburn Rovers and USA goalkeeper (4)
- Pat, Arsenal, Watford and Northern Ireland full-back (4)
- Michael, former IBF world heavyweight champion (6)
- Ardiles, former Spurs and Argentina midfielder (5)
- Miller, female American sprinter (5)
- Durham and England fast bowler (8)

DOWN

- Graham, former British and European middleweight champion (5)
- Venue of the 1980 Summer Olympics (6)
- Brian, West Indies batsman (4)
- de la Hoya, boxing world champion at more than one weight (5)
- Brazil international formerly with Manchester United (9)
- See 9 across.
- The, nickname of Bristol City (6)
- Rui, Portugal midfielder (5)
- Robbie, former WBO bantamweight champion (5)
- Apparatus for female gymnasts (4)



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Som's cheeky return

DAVID SOMMEIL will wear a protective mask to speed up his return from a depressed cheekbone.

The Manchester City defender has been out since suffering the injury in the Premiership clash with Aston Villa two weeks ago.

But the French centre-half is now ready to return to training with a face mask to guard against further injury.

City assistant boss Steve Wigley said: "David will hopefully start training again next week but he is in a position where he will

by MARK OGDEN

need to wear a mask. Unfortunately he got an infection when he had the operation which delayed things a little bit, but that's come out now."

Meanwhile, new Finland international midfielder Tuomas Haapala, 26, is on a week-long trial with City.

He skipped MyPa to the Finnish title last season.

Captain Sensible



NIGE NETS:
Reo-Coker
(left) celebrates a
goal with Hayden
Mullins and Anton
Ferdinand (right)

stipulation. Both my sisters got degrees and as the youngest child of the family I didn't want to be the failure.

"I believe everyone has a time to shine and hopefully mine is coming. I am religious and believe in God. I'm not a perfect Christian and you can be a good person just by how you go about life and treat other people.

"I have seen things in life and it's funny, sometimes you don't see things straight away."

"You suddenly realise that maybe it happened for a reason. I'm very determined and ambitious."

Fractured

Reo-Coker, who has an interest in graphic design, reading and deep-sea fishing, arrived at West Ham from MK Dons for £500,000.

He's worth that for his ambassadorial qualities alone. Picked up by Wimbledon after playing in Sunday league football around Carshalton in Surrey, he has graduated quickly to West Ham and England Under-21 captain.

As we talked, he nursed a fractured left ankle in a 'Robocop'-type boot, an injury that may keep him out for six weeks. He says he will be back sooner.

"I have always been able to handle

setbacks and take positives out of every situation," he said.

"Being involved in the Dons' switch to Milton Keynes was not easy, playing at home in front of 150 of your own fans. It is character-building.

"I have always been a leader, strong verbally on the pitch. Always had the loudest mouth and it came naturally. It had nothing to do with my home environment yet as soon as I cross the white line I change. It is a big part of my game.

"I wasn't intimidated by the Premiership, it was a dream come true and I have worked hard to be here.

"I said to myself, 'don't hide'. I do get a good response from players and I have always been able to take criticism. I try to dominate games.

"When some players are shouted at they crumble. I can take it on board. We all like a cuddle and praise but you must be able to take the stick."

"I believe joining West Ham was meant to happen. As soon as they were in I wanted to sign and the tradition is all around, pictures of Bobby Moore and other stars at the training ground and Upton Park.

"You can smell the history. We like to think the circle has turned for

West Ham. Manager Alan Pardew said he liked my qualities, saw me as a leader and when someone says that there is no choice.

"I'd also like to mention Teddy Sheringham and how fantastic he has been to everyone. He has helped me a lot.

"He has been a big influence on the other players and again I think he is at this club for a reason and us being with him, too."

To emphasise why Reo-Coker believes in fate so much he recalls the day he was rejected by Crystal Palace.

"They wrote a letter to my mum saying I wouldn't make it. She was heartbroken and knew I'd be devastated so she didn't show it to me," he said.

Invited

"A short time later, Palace got into bad times and all the youngsters and youth team were disbanded. Had I gone there who knows what would have happened.

"Also, Fulham didn't keep a promise that they would call me and Wimbledon rang the same day and invited me for a trial. So who knows? Yes, I believe in fate. I want to challenge myself. At 21, I'm just starting with my ambitions."

BRIAN WOOLNOUGH



JEWELL: Pulling 'em in

Sold on Wigan

WIGAN will have their first-ever sell-out crowd at the JJB Stadium when Arsenal visit on Saturday.

Paul Jewell's side will move within three points of leaders Chelsea if they beat Arsene Wenger's men in the lunchtime kick-off.

The game is already a 24,900 sell-out, beating the 23,575 record gate for Wigan's opening day defeat by Chelsea.

Wigan chief executive Brenda Spencer said: "Considering what our crowds were when the stadium opened six years ago, it's quite an achievement that this is the first time we've sold out at the JJB for a football match."

JIMMY: I'LL PROVE I'M REAL DEAL

JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBAINK'S mission is to score enough goals to win a new two-year deal at Middlesbrough.

Hasselbaink, 33, was Boro's top scorer with 15 last season but he is out of contract in the summer. The Dutch star said: "If I have the opportunity to finish my career with Middlesbrough, I'll grab it with both hands. I'm still hungry and there are still a lot of things I want to do.

"My contract is up at the end of this season and, in a perfect world, I would like to play here for two more seasons.

Desire

"People ask when I will stop playing but it's a case of asking myself whether I want to carry on - and I do. Unfortunately, it's not just up to me. I have to show everyone I still have the ability and will to win."

Hasselbaink has only started three league games this term as he faces competition from

■ by GEORGE SCOTT

£7m summer signing Yakubu. But he has scored goals in the league, the UEFA Cup and the Carling Cup.

He added: "I have to show people I can still score and that I still have the same desire.

"I know that to be the case but other people have to be convinced.

"I know it will be sorted out at the end of the season and that's good enough for me."

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FERDINAND: Still fuming

Ferdinand and fury

ANTON FERDINAND admits he is still fuming over England Under-21s controversial KO in France.

Ferdinand sparked more comparisons with his big brother Rio with a fine performance at the back.

But the players were furious with Chelsea's Lassana Diarra, who they accused of diving to win a crucial penalty in the 86th minute.

■ by AIDAN MAGEE

The 2-1 play-off defeat robbed Peter Taylor's team of a European Championships place in Portugal next year.

West Ham defender Ferdinand, 20, said: "Losing a game like that was hurtful and soul-destroying but we have to try to keep our heads up.

"When you feel something is not right it

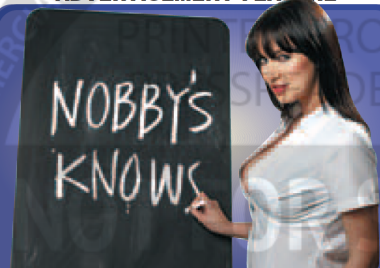
feels hurtful. One of the main issues was that they were trying to get our players booked."

Ferdinand returns to league action against Spurs on Sunday - and will face old Hammer pal Jermain Defoe.

He added: "I want to play against him in a competitive game.

"If I didn't fancy my chances there would be no point."

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Aussie aces' World Cup stunner



WIZARDS OF OZ!
Harry Kewell
and Tim Cahill
celebrate

MAGIC Mark Schwarzer blasted Uruguay's dirty tricks after saving the day for World Cup-bound Australia.

The Middlesbrough keeper sparked a massive party Down Under as he saved TWO penalties to send the Socceroos to Germany next summer.

It meant the end of Australia's World Cup play-offs hoodoo, which has lasted since their only appearance in the finals - also in West Germany - in 1974.

Schwarzer, 33, kept out spot-kicks from Marcelo Zalayeta and Dario Rodriguez to clinch a 4-2 shoot-out success after the Aussies won 1-0 to level the tie at 1-1 after 120 minutes. And the shot-stopper reckons former World Cup winners Uruguay paid the price for nasty tactics both in this tie and four years ago, when they beat the Aussies in the 2002 play-off.

He said: "They have been playing games since day one, from when we arrived in Uruguay last week until yesterday."

Slotted

"They were playing games in the tunnel before the game and they didn't play in a sporting manner, so it was great to put one over on them."

Marco Bresciano scored after 35 minutes and former Portsmouth forward John Aloisi slotted home the crucial spot-kick to send 83,000 Sydney fans

by ALISTAIR GRANT

into ecstasy. Schwarzer's Boro team-mate Mark Viduka missed in the shoot-out, but Liverpool's Harry Kewell and Blackburn's Lucas Neill did score, along with Tony Vidmar of Championship side Cardiff.

Neill said: "Mark Schwarzer will take the plaudits and deservedly so. It went to the wire and was nerve-racking."

Coach Guus Hiddink, who also manages PSV Eindhoven, is targeting more glory after taking South Korea to the semi-finals four years ago. And Schwarzer warned the world: "We're not there to



SPOT ON!
Keeper Mark Schwarzer saves Uruguay's first spot-kick and hero John Aloisi (inset) nets the winning penalty for Australia

make up the numbers but to put in some great performances."

Skipper Viduka said: "I believe we won't just mix with the other teams but compete as well."

Australian Prime Minister John Howard was quick to congratulate the team, saying: "My faith in penalty shoot-outs is restored. I wish the team well for the World Cup."

Hollywood actor John Travolta, whose wife Kelly Preston is an Aussie, got in on the action by celebrating with the Australian team in the dressing-room.

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Dwight's delight

DWIGHT YORKE is back in the big time after Trinidad and Tobago qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time, winning 1-0 in Bahrain for a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Ex-Manchester United and Aston Villa star Yorke, now playing Down Under, supplied the cross for Dennis Lawrence to head the winner.

Goalkeeper Kelvin Jack made an outstanding save seconds from time to send Trinidad through. Switzerland qualified on away goals after losing 4-2 in Turkey. The Swiss led 2-0 from the opening leg, and Tuncay Sanli's hat-trick was in vain.

Wales lost 1-0 away to Cyprus in a friendly, going down to a first-half penalty from Chrysos Michael in Limassol. Substitute Robert Earnshaw wasted Wales' only chance when he burst down the left only to fire wide.

FA CUP: Posh go for a Burton



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moment. We have just beaten Argentina 3-2 with England and six months ago I won the European Cup, so I couldn't be happier.

"I am sure that I will go to the World Cup feeling fresh. There are obviously a lot of games to play this season before the World Cup but we all know that.

"Our manager has already said that, so I am looking forward to the World Cup after missing the last one - watching it from home was very frustrating."

Feared

Liverpool, who started the defence of the European Cup last June because they had to enter the first qualifying round, threatened not to enter the World Club Championship, which starts in Japan on December 11.

Rafa Benitez feared the impact on his players, who will have played 12 months of competitive football without a break by the end of the World Cup.

But last night the Kop boss said: "We use our players wisely in the squad,

resting them where we feel it is right. We are constantly monitoring them all and we know exactly how many minutes they have played."

Liverpool play twice in a week in the six-club tournament in the Far East before heading back to the Christmas rush in the Premiership.

Gerrard said: "There are two ways you can look at the tournament.

"You can either see it as a negative with it coming at a difficult time of the season, when you are tired, or look forward to it as a positive in that you can come back as winners with a confidence boost for the rest of the season."

Liverpool's chief executive Rick Parry will use the Tokyo trip to broaden his search for investment in the club in Asia.

Parry said: "Everybody knows we have been looking for investment for some time, but we are not looking for a quick fix.

"We want to make sure that we look long-term for the right investment that will take us to the next level."



ALL FOR ONE: Drogba (centre) says team-mates like Arjen Robben (left) and Joe Cole are all behind Mourinho

Roman sends in the boys**From Back Page**

the Blues out of the competition at the first stage, with two group games left to play.

Abramovich's men visited the training ground last week following Chelsea's 1-0 defeat

at Manchester United which ended their unbeaten league run of 40 matches.

Incredibly, if Mourinho's men lose at home to Newcastle on Saturday and Wigan beat Arsenal, it would see Paul Jewell's side move within three

points of the Blues with a game in hand.

Abramovich proved with his treatment of Claudio Ranieri - sacked after taking Chelsea to second and the Champions League semi-finals - that he can be a hard taskmaster.

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form and storm to second league crown

WE'RE TWO GOOD FOR YOU, WENG

Jose defiant over 'wobble'

JOSE MOURINHO insists his team are not throwing a wobbler and Chelsea will win the title "for the second year running".

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger took a swipe at Mourinho's recent blip, which includes a defeat at Manchester United, and claimed the Premiership race was on again.

Boss Roman Abramovich even sent some of his men to the training ground last week to make sure everything was OK after a run of one win in five games.

But cocky Mourinho is as unshakable as ever ahead of Saturday's clash with revitalised Newcastle.

The Blues boss said: "There's no shame in defeat against Manchester United. On the contrary, it shows we are the best because we were champions, because we are leaders, because we will be champions for the second year running."

"I am with my players, I am not afraid of the future.

"Our run of 40 Premiership games without defeat had to end and ended in the best way.

"It came against a great team in a game which was a credit to everyone who took part in it.

Cries

"We were aware on the day that even some anti-Manchester United people were against us but we were calm and very well-prepared.

"It did not frighten us. It made us understand even better where our path had taken us.

"I'm not a coach who cries but I try to find solutions. I did so after the defeat against Real Betis in the Champions League and will do so again more easily now.

"Working after a just and clear defeat is not the same as taking a group of players and guiding them after an unjust defeat - we were unlucky."

Mourinho has only lost two of his 50 Premiership games and they were both in Manchester - against City last season and United earlier this month.

But he has still not been beaten in the league at Stamford Bridge and he is still immensely popular among his players.

Chelsea striker Didier Drogba claims his boss is a genius because he has

by DAVID WOODS

taught his Chelsea players how to "think" their way to victory.

The Ivory Coast star calls Mourinho "the greatest manager" and laughs at those who think he is simply a tactical bore.

Drogba, a £24m buy from Marseille in the summer of 2004, said: "The way we organise our play at Chelsea is simply down to the fact that Jose has taught us how to think.

"He is a brains coach. This is his greatest strength.

"He knows how to work with players' minds and he develops our intelligence.

Stupid

"When we take to the field, we don't need to have tried out a particular tactic beforehand.

"We can reason things out and choose the correct approach all by ourselves.

"People have the stupid idea that Mourinho is obsessed with tactics and that this has made all the difference for Chelsea in the English game.

"But, let me tell you, since the start of the season, we have just had one session devoted to tactics.

"At Marseille, we would have 10 times as many and



ONE DOWN, ONE TWO GO: Jose Mourinho insists his Chelsea side are massive favourites to retain their title

I can't imagine how many more there would be at Italian clubs like Juventus or AC Milan."

Since he arrived at Stamford Bridge from FC Porto in the summer of 2004, Mourinho has had major bust-ups.

He has been upset with the FA and UEFA as well as Barcelona and has also managed to get involved in the long-running, bitter

feud with Arsenal boss Wenger, which took a new twist this week.

Drogba said: "For me, Mourinho is the greatest manager.

Upstart

"He is a delightful guy who nobody can fathom out because they just go by his appearance.

"People call him an arrogant upstart and a wind-up

merchant simply because he says what he thinks.

"He arrived in England at the same time as I did, saying that he was here to win the Premiership.

"But he has won it. So what is arrogant about that?"

Drogba added: "You just need to take a look at the manager's CV.

"You can't argue with what he has achieved."



ALDO JOB: Duscher fancies Keane's spot

Aldo is so Keane on Roy's role

ARGENTINA hardman Aldo Duscher last night claimed he could be Manchester United's new Roy Keane.

The Deportivo La Coruna midfielder is desperate for a move to the Premiership - and feels he is good enough to replace Keane.

United and Newcastle have both tabled £5m bids for the 26-year-old but Deportivo president Augusto Cesar Lendoiro wants £8m.

Sir Alex Ferguson has made Bayern Munich's Michael Ballack his top midfield target to replace Keane, who is out of contract in the summer and set to leave.

But Fergie fears it will take two players to replace his skipper and Duscher's lawyer Jorge Aibar is expected to visit Manchester this week for talks. Duscher said: "I am not concerned about playing in England.

"I am a person who loves taking risks and the Premiership would be a fantastic adventure for me. I am totally ready for the battle.

Tough

"Roy Keane is almost unique. In fact, he plays like a tough Argentinian, which is why I feel we are so similar. If Manchester United choose me then I could do his job.

"I am a player who has no fear of the physical game. The Premiership will be perfect for my characteristics on the field.

"But the decision depends on Deportivo.

"I have my preference of which club I want to join but the president, Lendoiro, is clear on this subject. The club which pays more money is the favourite for the transfer.

"Manchester United and Newcastle are both great clubs and it is a very difficult decision.

"If, finally, Deportivo decide to sell I would not want to make a mistake."

Duscher is already

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infamous at Old Trafford after breaking David Beckham's foot in a Champions League game before the 2002 World Cup.

He added: "I have forgotten what happened with Beckham in 2002.

"It was an unhappy moment but it is over and I do not think it will spoil my chances of going to Old Trafford or playing in England.

"Gabriel Heinze wants me to go to United and is speaking very well about me but also I know that Albert Luque is my ambassador with Graeme Souness and Newcastle.

Lucky

"I am lucky that two such great clubs are fighting over me."

Ballack, 29, revealed yesterday that he will decide his future in January after stalling on Bayern's offer of a new four-year deal.

He said: "Foreign clubs can speak to me as of January. It would be a dream for me to play abroad but I can just as easily see myself staying at Bayern."

VAUGHAN BACK TO LIFT FLOPS

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CLOCKFORM was the master tipster yesterday, top rating 100-1 winner Barton Park at Wincanton. He also gave 9-1 Texas Holdem. Tony Lewis, Star Tip and Starform all got their naps up. **Today's racing: Pages 50-53**

Gerrard: I won't get burnt out

STEVEN GERRARD insists he won't suffer burn-out as he bids to conquer the world with club and country.

Liverpool skipper Gerrard will lead his club into the World Club Championships in Japan next month.

He says he's going there to win and does not expect the extra games to affect his performances for England in the World Cup in June.

Gerrard said: "We

by **KEVIN FRANCIS**

have a responsibility to deliver results and we are going to Japan to make sure that we win and bring the trophy back to Anfield.

"A lot of people talk of fatigue, but if you are winning football matches then it helps you a lot more than when you are losing, believe me.

"I am really enjoying my football at the

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WORLD TARGET: Liverpool trio Rick Parry, Rafa Benitez and Steven Gerrard parade the World Club Championship trophy at Anfield yesterday
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WORRIED: Roman Abramovich is looking for results

ANXIOUS Roman Abramovich sent a team of Russian agents to probe why Chelsea have been suffering their first wobble under Jose Mourinho.

His men descended on the training ground in Cobham, Surrey to quiz back-room staff in the wake of two successive defeats for the champions. Mourinho was

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away on business as the Russians spoke with employees to find out if there were any simmering problems at the club.

Having spent more than £200m on new players - including over £55m this summer - Abramovich is determined to get rewards for his investment. The billionaire was desperately disappointed to see Chelsea KO'd at the semi-final stage of the Champions League last season.

Hope

And the defeat by Real Betis a fortnight ago has given the unfancied Spaniards hope of dumping

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